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Victory: Conservative Catriona Morris, *second from right*, is given a round of applause after winning in Linford South

Parking a priority for Conservative's leader

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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A REVIEW of the decision to scrap free city centre parking will be one of the top priorities for the Conservatives if they take over the running of the council.

Current party leader, Councillor Andrew Geary, said that to carry on with the current parking situation 'doesn't appear to be an option'.

He said: "As far as the parking goes, we will implement an immediate review – before we know how and what we will do, we need some figures in front of us.

"All I know is, to carry on in the circumstances doesn't appear to be an option. It doesn't seem to be working and everyone seems to be unhappy about it."

He also vowed his party would try to find a way of keeping council-run children's nurseries open.

"We must look to find a sustainable way forward for our nurseries. It's not acceptable to close them," he added.

In Thursday's local elections, the Conservatives won four seats from the Liberal Democrats, making them the largest party within Milton Keynes Council with 21 members. The Lib Dems now have 18 seats, while Labour has nine.

There will now be discussions within and between all three parties over the future make up of the council before a meeting on May 24.

Last year, the Liberal Democrats formed a minority administration as it was the biggest party by five seats, but a number of other options are possible.

The Conservatives could approach either of the other parties with the view to forming a majority administration, and the Lib Dems and Labour could join forces to do the same. Alternatively, all three could form a multi-party administration.

The Conservatives could also attempt to form another minority administration - something they were due to decide at their annual group meeting last night. However, this could be out of their hands if the Lib Dems and Labour agree to form a coalition.

They were also due to discuss who would be the leader of the group.

Cllr Geary said: "Until the Conservative group has a decision it's too difficult for me to say how we will proceed."

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Arts centre plan for Three-Storey

Culture group wants to move into historic car body building

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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ONE of the city's most historically important buildings may soon have some new occupants that could 'heal' a divided town.

The Three-Storey is one of three buildings on the old Aston Martin Lagonda site in Tickford Street, Newport Pagnell, where Tesco has controversially been granted planning permission to build a new store.

Originally constructed in 1910, the Three-Storey is understood to be the earliest known purpose-built motor carriage works in the country, originally owned by Salmons & Sons – a family business that made car bodies for the motor trade.

But now the building could house an art and design centre after a proposal was put forward by the Newport Pagnell Culture Cluster Group.

The group wants to use the 3,500 sq ft space as a multi-purpose venue offering educational qualifications and courses, recreational days and activity sessions for young people, a studio and exhibition space for local artists and art therapy for the disadvantaged.

Its chairman Richard Meredith hopes it could help the town 'heal itself' after opinion was divided by the Tesco application.

He said: "Obviously the town, the council and everybody was divided, but life must go on, the decision has been made and now we've got to take advantage of this opportunity.

"It is a huge opportunity and I hope it will be one way that the town can heal itself because it was divisive."

Mr Meredith said this was another way of bringing people to Newport Pagnell.

The public will now have a chance to have their say on the plans at meeting being held by the group in the United Reformed Church hall in High Street on Thursday, May 26 at 7.30pm.

Race for Life runner sells her body

IN HER efforts to raise money for a cancer charity, a mother-of-two is taking the extreme step of selling her body – for sponsorship space.

Housewife Stacey Westbury from Loughton is running the five-kilometre Race for Life at The National Bowl in Milton Keynes on June 11.

She will be raising money for Cancer Research UK after her mum died from the disease when she was eight years old.

And the 31-year-old has come up with a novel idea to maximise her sponsorship.

She said: "Over the last two years I've raised about £300 doing it in full body paint, so this year I wanted to do something special to raise more."

Stacey will be selling space on her body which will be painted with the logos of local companies and is hoping to sell 20 logos at £50 each.

She currently only has six businesses on board, so is asking for more to get in touch.

Anyone interested should call 07413 788782, or email stacey.townsend1@googlemail.com.

Stacey Westbury is selling advertising space on her body to raise Race for Life funds

Applications go in for casino

COMPANIES hoping to win a licence to run a large casino in the city have now submitted their applications.

Three separate companies - Grosvenor, Aspers and Apollo - have applied for licences to run casinos at the three previously identified sites at stadiummk, Xscape and the Leisure Plaza.

Milton Keynes Council will now make sure the applicants have fulfilled all the necessary regulatory tests before proceeding to the next stage in July.

A council spokesman said: "Then the process will move onto consideration of the application that offers the greatest benefit to Milton Keynes with a view to awarding the license by the end of the year."

Cops sign agreement on use of stop and search powers

AN AGREEMENT has been signed by Thames Valley Police (TVP) following a warning about its use of stop and search powers.

The Equality and Human Rights Commission (EHRC) gave the force, along with Leicestershire Constabulary, the warning following its Stop and Think report last year.

The report's findings showed it had 'significant and persistent race differences in its use of stop and search'.

TVP has now agreed a number of initiatives with EHRC and will be monitored over the next 18 months.

Assistant Chief Constable Steve Rowell said: "TVP regards the power to stop and search as a valuable tool in tackling criminality. However, the force recognises that its use must be carefully applied to ensure lawfulness and minimise disproportionality."

He went on to say the initiatives include monitoring the use of stop and search powers and a training programme for officers who use the powers.

He added: "It has been made clear to all officers in TVP that stop and search is a power that is to be used sensitively and only where there are reasonable grounds for doing so.

"The force looks forward to working with the EHRC over the forthcoming 18 months to reduce disproportionality in this area."

Police block the road as a van – thought at the time to be connected with Rachel Manning's death – is taken away

Letter may shed light on Rachel Manning murder

BY ADAM GRINSELL
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POLICE investigating the murder of Rachel Manning are making inquiries after an anonymous letter was sent to MK NEWS.

Last Wednesday this paper received a handwritten letter which stated Rachel was seen walking in Grafton Street and Oldbrook Boulevard with another identically-dressed woman at around 3am on the day she disappeared.

It also suggested police might have missed this crucial detail.

Although officers are now investigating the letter, they stress they are unsure about how accurate the details are.

A spokesman said: "The content of the letter is under investigation but the information supplied in it conflicts with the accounts of numerous witnesses, so we are concerned about its accuracy.

Rachel Manning: Found strangled at Woburn Golf Club

"However, the letter will be treated as potential evidence and any leads will be followed up.

"As a man has been arrested on suspicion of murder and is currently on bail, the investigation remains active so we are unable to go into further detail at this stage."

A 39-year-old man from Bletchley, arrested on suspicion of murder in connection with Rachel's death, has been re-bailed until the middle of June.

Rachel, 19, disappeared on Sunday, December 10, 2000 after making a phone call from a phone kiosk in Evans Gate, Oldbrook, at 2.45am.

She had spent the night at New Bradwell Village Hall before moving onto Chicago nightclub and was wearing 60s fancy dress, including white high-heel boots, a white top and a short black skirt.

Her disfigured body was discovered two days later in the undergrowth at Woburn Golf Club and a post-mortem revealed she had been strangled. She had also been badly beaten by a car crook lock.

Anyone with information should call the police on 0845 8 505 505, or Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

Theme park manager injured in car park fracas

THE manager of a busy children's theme park was hit by a car following an argument with the driver.

A black Ford Ka and a black Vauxhall Corsa drove into Gulliver's Land car park in Milton Keynes at speed from the direction of Willen Lake.

The Corsa was allegedly driven onto the grass and the driver performed a handbrake turn before parking next to the Ka.

The car park was very busy and the manager approached the drivers and asked them to leave.

There was an argument and it is alleged the driver of the Corsa then drove at the manager, hitting him and throwing him onto the bonnet of the car. He was not seriously injured.

Anyone with information about the incident, which took place on Easter Sunday at about 2pm, should call PC Adrian Cafe, who is leading the investigation, on 0845 8 505 505. Or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

An 18-year-old man was arrested on Saturday on suspicion of dangerous driving and assault.

He has been released on bail until June 11.

Cyclist dies in hospital after car collision

A CYCLIST has died after being involved in an accident with a car in Bletchley.

The man, in his 60s, suffered head injuries in the collision on Easter Monday and died at the John Radcliffe Hospital in Oxford on May 4.

A formal identification is expected by the coroner this morning.

The cyclist collided with a silver Vauxhall Astra at the roundabout on the junction of Whalley Drive and Melrose Avenue at about 2pm. He was with another cyclist at the time of the accident.

Officers investigating the incident are still appealing for witnesses, particularly the occupants of a red car, which is believed to have used the roundabout moments before the collision.

Anyone with any information should contact Sgt Nigel Welham, or PC Michael Sapwell on 0845 8 505 505. Or call Crimestoppers, anonymously, on 0800 555 111.

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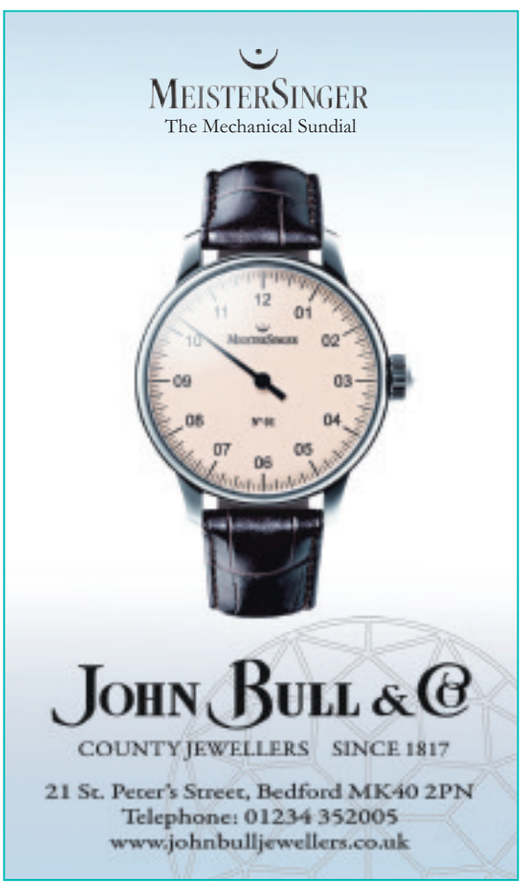

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Prof on the wrong track

SIR – In reference to Professor Stephen Potter's letter in your May 4 issue claiming that Urban Eden was credited with a comment supporting a 'Monorail for Milton Keynes', I would like to put the professor straight.

Firstly your article correctly did not claim that Urban Eden had specifically stated that 'A monorail, a university and extended grid roads are needed to help Milton Keynes continue to grow'.

This was, I believe, a condensation by your writer of several presenters' position statements. Urban Eden has never lobbied for a monorail. However it is strongly in favour of a tram system as well as a university and extended grid routes.

Regarding the cost of a tram system, before Potter calls the kettle black again perhaps he might consider that new tram systems are considered fundable and have been installed in recent years in Manchester, Edinburgh and even Croydon. Does Milton Keynes not deserve one too?

Regarding monorails, far from being 'a joke' as Potter claims and as a matter of record, Milton Keynes was several years ago offered the defunct monorail system from the Meadowhall shopping centre in Sheffield, not for billions as he laughably claims but entirely for free.

The commissioned design for the route with appropriate stopping points showed it running from the central station up Midsummer Boulevard to Campbell Park. In fact the Commission for the New Towns even offered to pay for the installation, at the time about £5million which is somewhat south of the £3billion claimed by Potter. It did not proceed for, shall we say, political reasons.

If transport is his area of expertise, I am surprised that the professor did not do his homework before professing such easily dismissed nonsense.

Theo Chalmers
Chairman, Urban Eden

■ SIR – In response to the letter from Professor Stephen Potter regarding monorails (MK NEWS, May 4).

It's obvious that he has never visited Sydney, Australia, one of the world's great cities, where a monorail system provides inexpensive and efficient transport across most of the central city and down to the harbour.

Not a Thunderbird or theme park in sight, just a great way to travel around the city. A cost of £3billion to create a simple monorail up Midsummer Boulevard? Perhaps we should ask the Aussies for a quote.

A reliable transport system between the station and the shopping centre (why was it built so far away?) would encourage more vistors via train, fewer cars and increased revenue for our city.

Think outside the box professor!

Don Douglas
Attingham Hill, Great Holm

The plot thickens

SIR – When I read the article 'Asbestos found at allotments' in your paper on May 4 I felt I had to set the record straight in a number of ways.

It was my partner, Keith Bucknall, who put the asbestos on the pile. The asbestos that is referred to here was put in the correct place on the allotments for collection by the council workforce.

It was done according to the instructions for disposal of rubbish that the council had posted on the noticeboards and three weeks after Mr Bucknall had informed the council he did not want the shed that had been left on his newly allotted plot.

He researched carefully into safety aspects of asbestos before moving the material. After all, he was keen to prepare and plant up the long-awaited plot.

As soon as he saw the original notice about the asbestos, he telephoned council staff to give his name as the person responsible, so the second notice that was placed on the gates later the same day was unnecessary.

I must say your article suggests that the asbestos was dumped without due care or caution, and by an unknown person. None of that is true.

Mr and Mrs Saunders were aware (or should have been) of the circumstances I have outlined above, and they knew who had put the asbestos there at the rubbish disposal point.

Mr Bucknall has exemplary credentials when it comes to care and consideration of the environment, here I mention a few of the ways in which he actively cares:

■ Currently member of Greenpeace, Garden Organic and the Wildlife Trust
■ Registered youth leader for Wildlife Trust and RSPB
■ Past member of Friends of the Earth and CAT.
■ Keen and active participation in re-use and recycling of materials.

It is just not true that this waste was dumped by someone who did not care, acted dangerously and did it anonymously. Also it was done in accordance with the council's own instructions.

Ruth Crosfill
Oriel Close, Wolverton

Trees, not roads and cars

SIR – I am a resident of Two Mile Ash and have been so for 25 years.

I must say that I am very cross and angry that roads are now being developed and widened in my area and more car parking areas created especially near schools.

I am an ex-science teacher with a science education degree.

All animals, including humans, need a supply of oxygen to breath and live. All plants produce oxygen, so we must grow trees and plants near our living environment, for health reasons.

Milton Keynes has a fast-growing population and more houses are therefore needed for people to live in. We must also have a natural environment as well.

I would like to see the development of parks, woodlands and lakes near to our residential areas for public use.

Rosina Monk
Two Mile Ash

Support MK Dons

SIR – As a massive MK Dons fan, I am hoping to encourage the people of Milton Keynes to support the team in the play-offs against Peterborough.

This is without question one of the biggest games in the club's history and the more supporters we can get to cheer on the boys the better.

When the Dons played Grimsby at Wembley in the Johnstone's Paint Trophy Final the city mobilised and travelled to London in droves, so that shows what we are capable of.

Having a team in the Championship would be an excellent feather in the cap for the city and would mean a number of huge games down at the stadiummk.

With so many issues in the press dividing public opinion, surely backing the Dons is something that everybody can get behind.

Young boss Karl Robinson has done a fantastic job in his first season in charge and deserves our backing now we have reached the most important stage of the season.

We have a fantastic stadium in Milton Keynes where it is a pleasure to watch football and the only downside is that we have never seen it packed to the rafters.

If you have made Milton Keynes your home then I urge you to take an interest in the Dons.

If you have never been before then there is no better time to start.

James Taylor
Shenley Church End

Parking penalty

SIR – I am writing to you with regards to an incident that occurred in central Milton Keynes.

I am trying to get the attention of the cruel, heartless person that ran their keys down both the panels of my new Renault Clio.

I was waiting for a parking space with my nine-year-old son and we noticed somone coming out of a space.

I indicated and waited. I noticed a car some distance in front of me, which reversed up to my car to a point where I had to reverse to get into the space that I was waiting for. I parked my car and went to the centre.

When I cam back to my car I could see from across the pavement that my car had been scratched all the way down the passenger side. I stood there and cried.

I am a single parent who works when my son is at school and I have just spent the last of my savings on a shared ownership house for us.

I have had three quotes to have the damage to my car repaired and the cheapest is £280 plus VAT.

I am totally devastated. I can't claim on my insurance because my excess is almost the same cost.

This was an almost new car and it's black so really shows the white, deep scratch.

Why did the responsible person have to do this?

If it was the person in the other car I would have given them the parking space if I had seen them waiting for it.

Whoever you are I hope you are a single parent household where money is tight and any spare cash you have is used on making sure you enjoy family days out – not paying for damage to your car.

I hope this happens to you one day.

Miss N Lewis
Grange Farm

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Big George's death a loss to city talent

Popular radio presenter, musician and composer dies at family home

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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Local legend: Big George Webley and actor Robbie Coltrane, *right*, in the Fox and Hounds, Stony Stratford

LARGER-THAN-LIFE Big George Webley has died aged 53 after collapsing at his home.

A popular figure in Milton Keynes, he spent the last five years presenting a weekday overnight programme on radio station BBC London.

His talent on the airwaves earned him a gold Sony Award for best music presenter in 2002 when he was working on Three Counties Radio.

He was also a musician, composing signature tunes for hit TV shows including Have I Got News For You, and in 2006 released a theme tune to back England's World Cup bid with Wycombe Wanderers commentator Ian Stringer.

A huge supporter of the city, George was a massive MK Dons fan, presenting some of their games, and was part of the Milton Keynes Monorail Lobby Group, which campaigned for a £15million line to be built to help tackle transport problems in the area.

Dennis Brett, 79, from Blakelands, knew George for around 11 years and worked alongside him on the campaign in 2004.

He said: "I was quite knocked back by the news. I thought he was an excellent bloke.

"I remember when he was presenting at the stadium and the game was fairly boring. He said 'There'll be three minutes extra time and the agony will then be over.' The management didn't like it, but the crowd roared. He was very funny.

"I can't believe it – he was only young really. It's awful."

George passed away after collapsing at his home in Stony Stratford on Saturday morning.

The cause of death is currently unknown, however he did have a history of heart problems and became patron of the Milton Keynes Community Cardiac Group as a result.

He leaves behind two sons, two daughters and three grandchildren.

A statement on his family's website said: "It is with great sadness that we announce the death of Big George Webley. Cause of death cannot be confirmed as we are awaiting the coroner's report. Our hearts go out to all those who share our loss."

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Fire cancels operations

A FIRE at Milton Keynes Hospital, in which 32 patients had to be evacuated, led to 17 last-minute operations being cancelled.

The blaze broke out in the Treatment Centre shortly after 10.30am on March 30. The cancellations brought the total to 247 for the financial year of 2010/2011.

Teenager robbed

A 15-YEAR-OLD boy was robbed on the V7 Saxon Street in Eaglestone on Sunday at around 8.30pm, when a man stole his phone after threatening to stab him.

The offender is black, aged between 18 and 20 years old, 6ft, slim, with short black hair. He was wearing a purple jacket with grey cuffs and hood and dark blue jeans. Anyone with information should call 08458 505 505.

Facebook freebie

A FACEBOOK follower of thecentre:mk was given a Mother's Day treat to remember.

On April 27 Viv Gilbey and her mum Gwenda Jones enjoyed a full styling session with Monsoon's expert stylist with £200 to spend in store. This was followed by a meal at Italian restaurant Carluccio's at Destination Dining.

Warning after wok fire

FIREFIGHTERS are urging people not to use cooking equipment designed for outdoor use indoors following a blaze at a flat.

They are also advising against tackling fires involving fat following the incident in South Ninth Street, CMK, at 7.43am on Thursday.

The fire broke out in the kitchen in a wok on a burner connected by a hose to a liquefied petroleum gas cylinder.

Watch manager Kevin Bird, from Broughton Fire Station, said: "The fire started after the woman who was using it turned her back on the cooking for a moment.

"Although she managed to disconnect the cylinder and put out the fire, and a neighbour took the cylinder outside, this came close to being a much more serious incident.

"Another minute or two and it could have taken hold of the kitchen and ultimately the flat. She smothered the fire with wet newspaper and this could have led to serious injury because of the effect water can have on fires involving burning fat or cooking oil. She is very lucky that it didn't all go wrong and we are extremely relieved.

"This type of cooking equipment should not be used indoors. Even when it is used outdoors, great care should be taken."

July date for Adil murder trial

THE four men accused of the murder of a Milton Keynes teenager will go on trial in July.

Adil Basharat, 16, of Greenleys, was stabbed in Stratford Road, outside Kingsbrook School in Deanshanger, on November 19 last year and died two days later in Milton Keynes Hospital.

Freddy Wilson of Deanshanger, Adam Moore of Cosgrove, Daniel Anderson of Stony Stratford, all aged 20, and Jake Batten of Deanshanger, 22, are due to go on trial at Northampton Crown Court on July 18. All four pleaded not guilty to murder at a hearing at the same court on April 20.

Billy Billingham, 19, from Bradville, has also been charged with Adil's murder, but has not yet entered a plea. He is due to appear at Northampton Crown Court on Friday, May 20.

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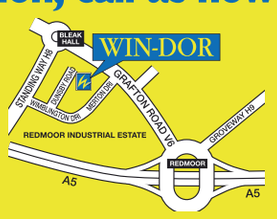

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T-shirt puts child rapist behind bars

Four-year-old saw teenage attacker 12 days after assault

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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The T-shirt recognised by the young rape victim while being worn by her attacker in a local shop

A TEENAGE rapist who preyed on a four-year-old girl has been jailed for five years.

The 17-year-old attacked the youngster at a city park where she had gone with her family to feed the ducks.

The teenager, of Houghton Regis, Bedfordshire, who cannot be named for legal reasons, approached the girl as she was playing in Emberton Park, Olney, at 3.30pm on August 3, 2009.

Twelve days later the victim recognised the offender in a local shop as he was still wearing the same distinctive T-shirt he wore during the assault.

Police were called to the store and the teenager was arrested and charged.

He originally pleaded not guilty at a trial in July and the case was dismissed after the jury failed to reach a verdict.

He was later found guilty of one count of rape at a subsequent retrial at Huntingdon Crown Court in November. And at the same court on Friday he was sent to prison by Judge Coleman.

Detective Chief Inspector Peter Vigurs, who led the investigation, said: "We are pleased for the victim and her family that the offender in this case has now been sentenced.

"The victim has been incredibly brave throughout the investigation and the subsequent court cases and seeing her giving evidence reminded me of how brave she has been.

"Despite her young age, she was able to give a detailed account of what happened to her. I hope now both the victim and her family can start to put this ordeal behind them."

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Fag break fight to go to High Court

Chadwick Lodge patients claim that cigarette ban contravenes Equality Act

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Chadwick Lodge: Detainees are not allowed to smoke in the grounds

PATIENTS banned from smoking in the grounds of a mental health unit have won the right to launch a unique High Court test case.

Detainees at Chadwick Lodge Hospital, Eaglestone, are forbidden to smoke outside in the grounds and on supervised visits into the community.

But the inmates, held under the Mental Health Act (1983), claim the ban at the hospital – part of the Priory Group – infringes their rights under the Equality Act and will now challenge the ban at High Court.

Top barrister, Hugh Southey QC, argued the ban amounts to disability discrimination as the patients are being treated 'less favourably' when compared to the general population, who can smoke outdoors.

The 52-bed medium security hospital is renowned for its treatment of sex offenders and patients with personality disorders. It also specialises in remand patients, people transferred from prison and those with a history of serious offending.

On Friday, High Court judge, Mr Justice Silber, granted permission for two current Chadwick Lodge inmates, and one man who has now been moved to another hospital where outdoor smoking is permitted, to mount a full judicial review challenge to the ban.

He said: "This is obviously going to be a case of great importance. Whichever judge deals with it is going to have an interesting time."

Mr Justice Silber also directed that Secretary of State for Health, Andrew Lansley, be joined as an interested party in the case. No date was set for the full hearing of the judicial review challenge.

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Listed building ploy to save supermarket

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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CONTROVERSIAL plans to redevelop a town's only supermarket could be thwarted after councillors decided to try and get the building protected.

Stony Stratford Town Council is putting together plans to have the building in Cofferidge Close, earmarked for development by investor CB Richard Ellis, listed.

The council wants the buildings from the town's High Street to Silver Street, including Cofferidge Close, listed for their distinctive style.

Chairman of the council, Robert Giffard, said: "Following a meeting of our planning committee, we have been looking into the process of getting the area listed. There is a distinctive style of building along that road.

"If listed, the site could still be developed but the quality of the materials used and the style of the buildings would have to be taken into account."

Councillors sent a letter of objection to the plans to Milton Keynes Council in March after many residents raised concerns about the size of the development and whether there was any need for it. They were also worried about increased traffic, congestion and the loss of the orchard behind the shops in Cofferidge Close.

A spokesman for Barton Wilmore, representatives of CB Richard Ellis, said: "We have considered all of the relevant conservation and heritage issues as part of the application, including separate heritage impact assessments, which address all of these matters. This detailed information, undertaken by suitably qualified and experienced experts, has led to Milton Keynes Council's conservation officer raising no objections."

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Schools urged to teach purity

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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Andrew Burton with the purity packs

CITY activists are urging parents to question the sex education being taught to their children.

The Society for the Protection of Unborn Children (SPUC) has written to primary, secondary and special schools in the city calling for them to teach purity, rather than sex education.

The move follows a controversial bill promoting school lessons in how to say no to sex being introduced in the House of Commons by Mid Bedfordshire MP Nadine Dorries last Wednesday.

Andrew Burton, chairman of the city branch of SPUC, based in New Bradville, has sent 'purity packs' to the 130 schools in MK urging them to teach children about abstinence.

He said: "Sex education is sexualising children. I would urge parents to get in touch with schools to find out what education their children are receiving."

However, Milton Keynes Hospital's Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) department, which provides free sexual health and pregnancy advice, says sex education is vital.

Consultant, Dushyant Mital, said: "Schools play a crucial role in educating young people and helping them understand the risks. Sex education empowers teenagers with the knowledge to make informed choices."

This view was echoed by Sue Carbert, headteacher at Ousedale School in Newport Pagnell, which teaches children aged 11 to 18.

She said: "We teach relationship education which is important to give young people the ability to make an informed choice. I cannot see our governors, or any school, being persuaded to do otherwise by any group."

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Museum hosts re-enactment weekend

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The Milton Keynes History Festival saw hundreds of people enjoy demonstrations from Roman traders, 12th century bowmen and the Wars of the Roses. Museum director Bill Griffiths said: "Living history seems to appeal to everyone. This has become one of our most important annual events and we will certainly include it in next year's programme."

Park marks capture of Enigma machine

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AN EXHIBITION commemorating the 70th anniversary of a pivotal moment in the Second World War was officially opened in Bletchley Park on Monday.

On May 9, 1941 an Enigma machine and codebooks were captured from German U-boat 110. The captured items enabled the Allies to crack the top secret Enigma code – used by the Germans to pass on secret military messages.

Twenty-year-old Second Lieutenant David Balme bravely climbed into the U-boat to carry out the mission and his first-hand account is included in the exhibition, along with details from historian Hugh Sebag-Montefiore.

All known photographs of the capture have also been put on display in the same place for the first time and a view of events from the German perspective is also covered.

Alan Turing and his team of codebreakers, based at Bletchley Park, had struggled to crack the naval Enigma code used by the U-boats.

At the beginning of 1941 they were desperate for the codebooks to be brought into the hands of the Allies and, after the successful capture, King George VI famously described it as 'the most important event in the war at sea'.

Cracking the Enigma code contributed to key British victories – such as the battle of North Cape in December 1943, when the Royal Navy sank the German battle cruiser Scharnhorst – and arguably shortened the war by up to two years.

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Saints open sports facility

PUPILS at Akeley Wood Junior School enjoyed an afternoon of sporty celebration on Thursday when two Northampton Saints rugby players helped to open their new sporting facilities.

Greig Tonks and Tom Stephenson, both former pupils of Akeley Wood, unveiled a commemorative brass plaque with Year Six pupils Jasper Price and Emily Protheroe.

The facilities are part of an £8million investment, which will also see the opening of new amenities for the nursery and reception years in September, as well as a new teaching block.

Greig Tonks signs autographs for pupils Stuart Johnston, Matthew Stimpson and Hugh Dickoff

Election result gives hope to anti-nursery closure group

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A GROUP of parents have set up a committee in a bid to stop their children's nursery from closing.

And this week they became more confident it will be saved after the elections resulted in the Conservatives, who are against the closure, becoming the largest party at the council, meaning they could take over the running of the authority.

A consultation is currently under way into the possible closure of three council-run nurseries – Little Chestnuts in Bletchley, Westcroft Nursery and Fledglings in Kents Hill – to save money following the recent budget cuts.

Parents at Little Chestnuts are angry about the plans, saying private childcare is too expensive and they get a better service from the council-run nursery.

At a meeting with council officers last night, parents discussed other ways of saving money so Little Chestnuts can stay open.

Annette Pakes, whose children Mackenzie and Lewis both attend the nursery, said: "There's quite a few roads we can go down. We've looked into the nursery saving money in its budget and at the meeting quite a few questions were about this."

She added parents will continue looking into other options, but in the meantime they are hopeful the Conservatives will save the nursery if they form the next administration.

Mrs Pakes said: "We know the Conservatives have been on our side when we've been to consultation meetings, so hopefully this will be a positive step for us."

On Thursday, the previous Lib Dem councillor in charge of children's services, Rosemary Drewett, lost her seat on the council after being beaten by Conservative Edith Bald in her Emerson Valley ward.

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BY ADAM GRINSELL
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Drawings should be sent, along with your name, age, address and contact details, to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DU, or emailed to competitions@mk-news.co.uk by noon on Friday, May 20.

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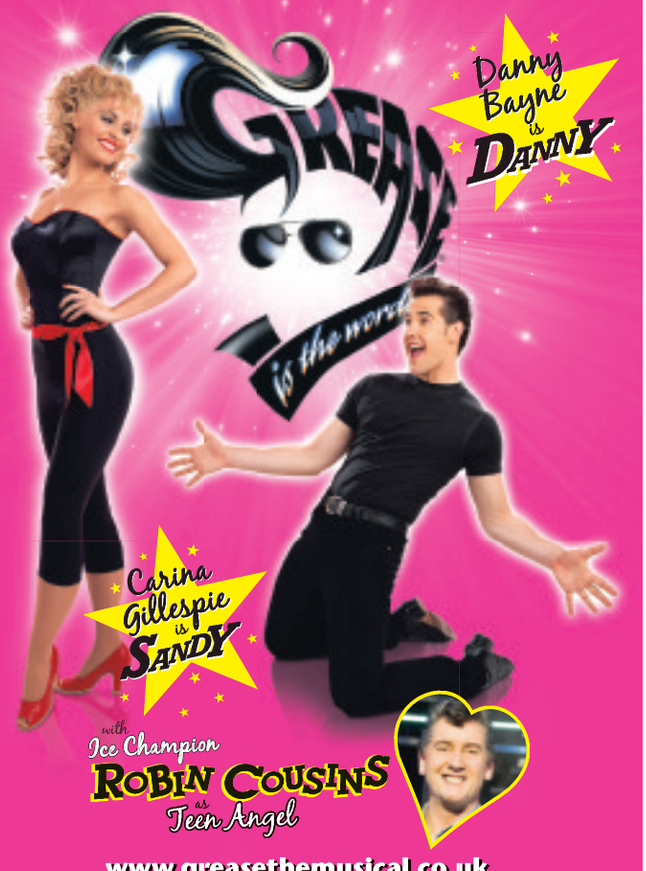

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Mayor signs off with her charity concert

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THE mayor of Milton Keynes has described her year in office as 'a tremendous experience' and 'a real honour'.

Since stepping into the role last May, councillor Debbie Brock has played a key part in various landmark events, such as the Milton Keynes World Cup Bid, the opening of the city's second retirement village and the switch-on of the first electric car charging points.

She has also provided support to Milton Keynes families affected by the Japanese earthquake and has held numerous fundraising events for her chosen charities – Bletchley Park and Willen Hospice.

Her last official engagement will be the Mayor's Charity Concert on Sunday, which will feature performances by Milton Keynes City Orchestra and internationally-acclaimed pianist Noriko Ogawa.

Cllr Brock said: "It's been a tremendous experience - I've absolutely loved it. It has been a real honour to have had the opportunity to be Mayor of Milton Keynes.

"It's been a year packed full of amazing experiences. The visits we had from the FA were always very exciting and seeing how everyone came together to work on a World Cup bid was fantastic."

On Tuesday Cllr Brock, who is a Conservative, will hand over the chains to current vice-mayor, Liberal Democrat Alan Richards.

And although she will miss her role as mayor, she is looking forward to spending more time with her three-and-half-year-old daughter Frankie.

She added: "I will probably miss it for a little while, but it will be nice to have some more time for my family."

Tickets for the Mayors Charity Concert at Milton Keynes Theatre are still available. They cost between £5 and £32 and can be booked by calling 01908 558311.

Mayor Debbie Brock looks on as the news of England's failed World Cup bid is relayed to the crowd at stadiummk

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ME victim's TV date after being 'cured'

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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AN ME sufferer who was bedridden for seven years claims she has been cured after attending a three-day course.

Ginetta Marshall, 35, of Newport Pagnell, will appear on national television today to speak about her experiences of Myalgic Encephalomyelitis (ME).

For seven years, the mother-of-one needed 24-hour bed rest, seven days a week, but since attending the course she claims she is cured and is looking for a job.

The former Excel Logistics PA said: "I had no idea what ME was. To be honest, I just thought it was a load of old rubbish.

"I had to quit my job and depend on my husband. I felt so guilty – when my daughter wanted us to go out I couldn't because I was so tired."

Ginetta will reveal details about her life changing treatment – The Phil Parker Lightning Process – on ITV1's The Lorraine Show this morning as part of ME Awareness Week, which runs until Saturday.

The non-medical course teaches patients how to influence their health and life using techniques based on the way the brain and body interact.

She added: "It feels fantastic. All the guilt has gone and my little girl can finally see her mummy well for the first time.

Cured of ME: Ginetta Marshall talks on TV about the Lightning Process

"I wanted to give people hope. There are so many sufferers out there who think there's no cure."

But the ME Association remains sceptical about the treatment and urges sufferers to approach it with caution. A spokesman for the group said: "We're delighted to hear that Ginetta has got better but we warn that the Lightning Process is life coaching and won't suit everyone with severe ME.

"We urge people with ME to approach the Lightning Process with caution."

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National situation cost us, says ousted transport chief

Welcome: Handshake from Iain Stewart as Lee Barney beats cabinet member Vanessa McPake in Walton Park

Watching with interest: Cabinet member Vanessa McPake looks on with Mayor Debbie Brock as the votes are counted

BY ADAM GRINSELL

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FORMER council transport boss Vanessa McPake denied her or her party's policies had anything to do with her defeat in the elections.

The Liberal Democrat lost out to Conservative Lee Barney in the Walton Park ward by 1,704 votes to 1,500.

In the past the transport portfolio, which she held last year, has been called a 'poisoned chalice' by some opposition councillors.

During her time in the hot seat the council removed free parking and increased the number of premium rate spaces in the city centre, leading to many complaints.

Secklow Gate bridge remained closed during her tenure, despite protestations from traders and other city campaigners, and work to expand the A5130 Busway in Broughton over-ran.

But Mrs McPake doesn't think this led to her being ousted from the council.

She said: "Some people called it the poisoned chalice, and it was certainly very challenging, but we've got the Coachway open, the Park and Ride up and running, the A5130 open successfully and opened the first gantry anywhere in Milton Keynes. The parking charges didn't go up, the employee discount still remains one of the smallest parking charges in any neighbouring town and city and more money is being put into buses.

"Was it hard work? Yes, and it was absolutely worth all that hard work. We must be a city that offers transport choice to people."

Mrs McPake believes the reason she lost her seat, like many other Liberal Democrat councillors countrywide, was due to public displeasure with the national party.

She added: "We [the Lib Dems] have achieved a great deal with the council and will be watching the Conservatives like a hawk."

Other Lib Dem councillors who lost their seats in Thursday's election were Rosemary Drewett, formerly the children's services portfolio holder and Emerson Valley ward councillor, and Sam Potts, member for adult social care and Sherington ward councillor.

Defeated: Crestfallen cabinet member Vanessa McPake loses her seat

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ELECTION ROUND-UP

Two-vote winner Cec dismissed as leader of Liberal Democrats

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A NEW leader has been chosen by the city's Liberal Democrats following the party's poor results in the elections.

At a party meeting on Monday night, Cllr Sam Crooks was re-elected to the position, replacing last year's leader of the council Cec Tallack.

The move comes after Cllr Tallack narrowly escaped being ejected from the council after holding onto his Campbell Park seat by just two votes.

He said: "I'm obviously very disappointed that it's happened but I think I have to accept the fact we had a poor election under my watch.

"I'm still an active member and will be vigorously campaigning for Milton Keynes and the people in my ward."

When asked if he would still have a role within the party, he said nothing had been decided.

Cllr Crooks, a former leader of the Lib Dems and Milton Keynes Council, said: "We owe Cec a great deal as he skillfully steered the council through its first year of significant cuts and I am proud the Lib Dems ensured we kept services to vulnerable people across the borough.

"We will be watching the Tories like a hawk to make sure they do not cut services to vulnerable people when they bridge the £17million gap that the Tory-led Government has insisted we must achieve in the coming year."

Also at the meeting, Cllr Douglas McCall was named deputy leader, Cllr Robin Bradburn as chairman and Cllr Ric Brackenbury as secretary.

Reflecting a nationwide trend in which the Lib Dems lost 748 councillors and nine councils, the local party lost four wards to the Conservatives at Thursday's elections - Emerson Valley, Linford South, Sherington and Walton Park. They also lost three of their cabinet members.

Speaking after the count, Cllr Tallack said: "The results are really disappointing, particularly for the people who didn't win - we lost three councillors who've been very valuable to our group.

"It was a difficult election and national factors played a part.

"One thing that's been absolutely clear on all the doorsteps is that it's not been a reflection on our performance in Milton Keynes but the votes against us were based on national issues.

"The fact that the Lib Dems have participated in the coalition Government has had a significant impact and, to a lesser extent, that there wasn't an appetite to support a change to the voting system meant the people were more reluctant to support us.

"Clearly we've not been well served by our leadership over the last year and our party needs to do a reassessment of that."

Far left: Cold comfort? The Lib Dems enjoy some relief as they celebrate Cec Tallack, *centre*, retaining his seat by the narrow margin of two votes

Left: Cllr Cec Tallack has been replaced as Lib Dem leader by Sam Crooks

ELECTION ROUND-UP

Council's future in the spotlight

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THE leader of the Milton Keynes Labour group says he hasn't been approached by any other party with regards to forming a new council.

A decision on who will run the authority will be made on May 24, with a number of options available.

The Conservatives or Lib Dems could ask Labour to help them form a coalition administration, but Labour group leader Norman Miles said it is too early to tell whether either party will do this.

He said: "I've had no approach from the Lib Dems and as the Conservatives have a majority of three they would get first shout.

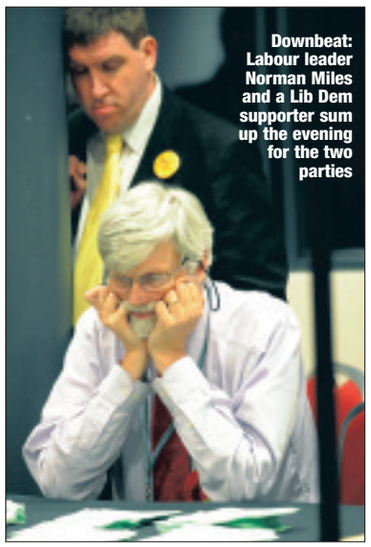
"If we get a call then we will speak to them, but what would come out of that I wouldn't like to predict."

Councillor Miles was pleased with his party's performance after it held onto the three seats that were up for election.

"Winning one or two seats would have been nice, but there weren't any seats we had targeted as being ones for us to win," he said.

"We've got a new candidate [in Wolverton] with a big majority and we increased our votes in other areas.

"We do hope to build on that for next year, people will become more and more disillusioned with the Government and the seats coming up are easy ones for us to look at - we would hope to hold our seats and win some more."



Downbeat: Labour leader Norman Miles and a Lib Dem supporter sum up the evening for the two parties

And Cllr Miles is philosophical following candidate Paul Williams' narrow two-vote loss to Lib Dem council leader Cec Tallack in the Campbell Park ward.

He added: "Sometimes these things happen. You only need to win by one vote, but that's the way politics goes sometimes."

Taking a look: Returning officer John Moffoot holds up a paper for scrutiny

Spoilt papers blamed for delay

THE man in charge of overseeing the election count in the city has explained why it took so long to get the results.

At Thursday's count, many people were critical of the length of time they had to wait for results to be announced - the last one was not declared until 6.34am on Friday.

Council returning officer John Moffoot, who was tasked with ensuring the count is carried out smoothly and accurately, explained the scrutiny of spoilt ballot papers by some candidates in wards with close results contributed to the delay.

The AV referendum also held up the counting of votes in the local elections.

Mr Moffoot said: "We had to communicate with a regional counting officer in Southampton because of the national AV vote.

"We needed to verify the number of ballot papers in the boxes first, before we could count any of the borough council votes.

"With Southampton dealing with around 30 local authorities on the night, clearly there were some delays in communicating.

"It was even later last year, but of course there were far more votes - the important thing is we get the right result and it doesn't matter how long it takes."

Mr Moffoot also defended his decision to have only one ballot box per polling office, meaning the referendum and local election papers had to be sorted by counting staff before they could be verified or counted.

He said: "Last year we had separate ballot boxes and my judgement is that was one of the problems behind why we had queues outside the polling offices, because people had to check which ballot box to use, so we decided early to use only one this time around."

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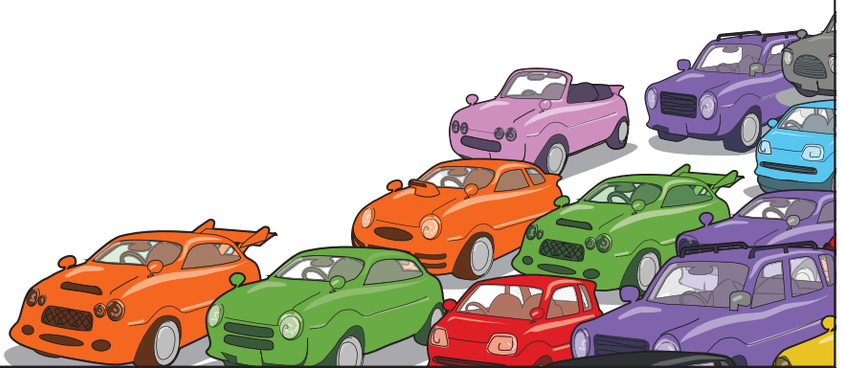

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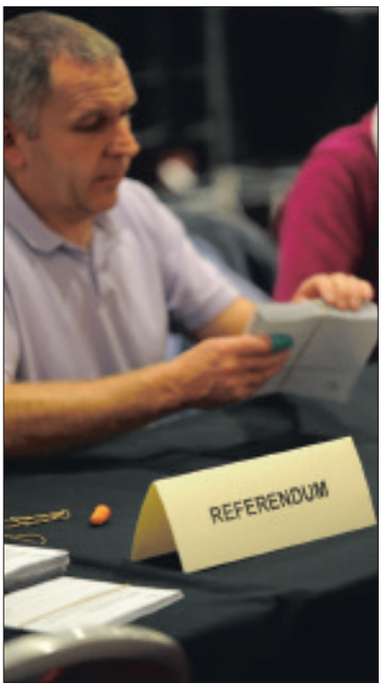
City's voters say No to AV in referendum



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MILTON Keynes has voted against changing the way we elect our MPs to Parliament.

In Thursday's referendum 68,716 people in the city chose between keeping the current first past the post system and changing to the alternative vote (AV). The result showed 46,646 voted No to AV, with 21,773 saying Yes. The rest were spoilt ballot papers.

The first UK-wide referendum since 1975 saw 19.1million people vote nationally with the Yes to AV vote at 32.1 per cent and the No vote at 67.9 per cent.

Sacha Dhamani, chairman of the MK Yes to Fairer Votes Action Group, is disappointed with the result, but feels people do want some kind of electoral reform.

He said: "There's a number of people who voted no because they want the Proportional Representation system and some were using it to send a message to Nick Clegg.

"This is just the first step on a long journey to electoral reform."

Both city MPs campaigned for the No vote.

Iain Stewart said: "It was good to know that voters in Milton Keynes didn't think AV was a fairer way of electing MPs and resoundingly said no. I am pleased at their decision to maintain the one person, one vote principle which our current system promotes."

Getting ready: Phil Winsor empties a ballot box

A delighted Mark Lancaster added: "Only when something is under threat do we realise how precious it is.

"In this case, it was our simple, fair democracy which was jeopardised by a complicated, obscure, unequal method for voting.

"Politics is far from perfect in Britain, but AV did not hold the solution.

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Busting some moves: Emi-lu Daley (AKA Pinkie) with students from Frantic UK Dance who are performing at the Indigo O2 Arena at the weekend

Hip hop dancers aim to bop right to the top

BY KIRSTEN RAWLINS
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YOUNG dancers from the city will be competing for a place in the England squad going to the European and World hip hop championships.

The youngsters from dance group Frantic-UK, based in Wolverton, will perform at the Indigo O2 Arena in London on Sunday in a bid to win a place in the under-18s England hip hop dance team.

Hundreds of dancers are expected to compete for the chance to represent the country in the European and World hip-hop championships later this year.

Founder of Frantic UK, Emi-Lu Daley, says the children have been training hard.

She said: "I'm so proud of them, these kids put so much work into their classes. Seven of our kids are going to be taking part - all of them under 16.

"We have a motto here at Frantic and that's the only way to succeed is to never stop moving.

"Our dancers have performed nationally and internationally in Wales, London and even Spain."

The youngsters entered the contest by competing at Streetdance International events across the country in a variety of categories, such as hip-hop and electric boogie, in singles and pairs. The most recent competition they attended was in Hemel Hempstead last Sunday.

The IDO European Hip Hop, Electric Boogie and Break Dance Championships 2011 are set to take place in Denmark from July 1-3.

Following this, the Hip Hop International Championships will take place from July 26-31 in Las Vegas, where crews from the top 35 nations will compete for the world title while mingling with hip hop icons, artists and celebrities.

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War heroes' children will not be forgotten

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Charity work: Lewis Scott, who has launched the Heroes Children Fund, for the children of servicemen and women

A TWENTY-YEAR-OLD has set up his own charity to support the children of war heroes.

Lewis Scott, of Wavendon Gate, founded the Heroes Children Fund last month, which offers help to youngsters whose parents have died in action.

He said: "Children of soldiers are the forgotten victims of war. They are the children of soldiers that have fought for our freedom.

"At the moment we are planning to take the children for days out, but as we expand we hope to address the children's needs, such as if they're having problems at school or are suffering from a mental disorder.

"You have to treat each child differently according to need, and in doing so can hopefully keep them on track and out of trouble."

Plans are under way to raise money for the Heroes Children Fund, which is currently being financially supported by Lewis, a golf shop assistant, and his family.

A golfing event is due to take place at The Shire London Golf Course in Barnet, Hertfordshire, on September 22.

The day will begin with breakfast followed by 18 holes of golf and a three-course evening meal with entertainment, a raffle and auction.

Tickets for the day are £70 per person, or £35 just for the evening. All proceeds from the event will be matched by Santander's Match Donation Scheme and given to the fund.

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Foster Care Fortnight

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Now's the time to care

By Ellie Jones, the Fostering Network

Have you ever fancied doing something to help children but you weren't sure what, or how? During Foster Care Fortnight there are plenty of ways to support children in care, who are some of the most vulnerable in our society. You can find out about foster care and spread the word, fundraise for the Fostering Network, or become a foster carer yourself. Now is the time to care and here's why:

More than 57,000 children in the UK will be living with 45,000 foster families today, and for many of these children this will be their first positive experience of family life.

But there is a chronic shortage of 10,000 foster carers across the UK, making it difficult to match children with the right foster carers. Many get bounced around the care system, suffering even more disruption in their lives. Since 2007 the number of children needing foster homes in the UK has risen by more than 6,000, putting the system under huge pressure. Many fostering services say they are struggling to cope and they urgently need more people to come forward to foster.

Given these pressures, now more then ever before we need people to get behind fostering and support children in care. This is the focus Foster Care Fortnight 2011, the annual campaign by the Fostering Network, the UK's leading charity working to improve foster care. Under the strapline fostering: time to care, the campaign, which runs from 16 to 29 May, will be a rallying cry to ask people to take action.

Get involved

Research by the Fostering Network has found that 65 per cent of foster carers in the UK are in their 50s, 60s or 70s. While there is rightly no upper age limit on fostering, these figures suggest that a huge proportion of the workforce might choose to retire over the next 10 to 15 years.

This would make an already worrying situation far worse; unless recruitment of new foster carers is stepped up sharply it could leave the system struggling to cope and even more disruption and instability for children.

This will change if more people come forward to be trained as skilled foster carers who can help to create a better future for society's most vulnerable children. Those who become foster carers need to have good listening and communication skills, be patient and non-judgemental, have a good sense of humour and, of course, love working with children. Could you be a foster carer?

To find out more about becoming a foster carer contact your local fostering service, call Fosterline on **0800 040 7675 or visit www.couldyoufoster.org.uk.**

Of course, not everyone is cut out to foster – it takes people with the right skills and qualities to help children turn their lives around. But even if fostering is not for you, there are many other ways you can help – **visit our website at www.fostering.net/time-to-care to find out how.**

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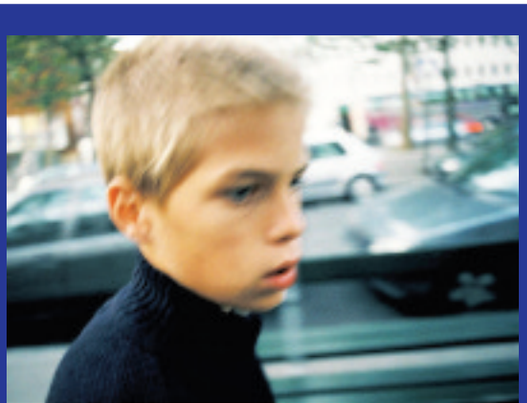

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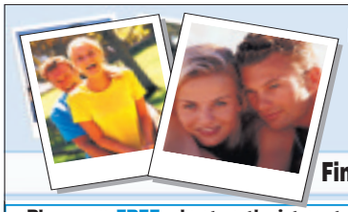

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Help create show on former city life

BY ADAM GRINSELL
adam.grinsell@mk-news.co.uk

YOUR memories of Milton Keynes are wanted for an exhibition.

Milton Keynes City Discovery Centre (CDC) wants your photographs and other memorabilia of the city for its new exhibition called Creating Communities, running at Bradwell Abbey until Sunday.

Whether it's days or decades since you moved here, or you've lived here all your life, your photographs, videos and other records can help paint a vivid picture of Britain's most ambitious new city since its beginnings in the early 1970s.

The most interesting items will go on the colourful Memory Wall at the exhibition.

Henk van Aswegen, director of CDC, said: "We would love to get people's everyday images of setting up home, starting a new business, joining in community life or exploring the city.

"We implore everyone to dig out their old photos, films, drawings or letters and loan them for the exhibition. Lenders can send in items in digital format or just as they are."

The CDC also welcomes permanent donations of material to its growing archive. Already an impressive resource, the archive will prove invaluable for preserving MK's heritage and for people researching the city in decades to come.

Kim Davies, learning and events co-ordinator at CDC, said: "We're also keen to hear from residents of the newest districts such as Broughton or Oxley Park.

"Our aim is to record the whole history of this unique city for posterity."

To donate an item, or for more information, call the CDC on 01908 227229, or e-mail education@mkcdc.org.uk.

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Kuoni and Air Mauritius are offering a £5,000 Mauritian honeymoon, White Orchid Weddings will provide bridal and men's wear up to the value of £1,000, Decesare hairdressers is offering a bridal package worth about £240 and Bobbi Brown is offering its complimentary make-up service.

John Lewis will be offering its gift list service, starting it off with £200 worth of vouchers.

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"The fashion advice appointment is free of charge, (although obviously we will absorb the cost of the adviser's time and lack of sales during the two hour appointment) and may be booked at a mutually convenient time to the mother of the bride and the fashion advisor. It should be booked well in advance of the wedding."

Waitrose will provide the wedding cake, Calcutta Brasserie will provide 25 bottles of champagne, Ruth's Floral Design Studio will provide a flower package worth around £400 and Lasaderm is offering a £150 voucher for pre-wedding treatments.

And to top it all off, on your first wedding anniversary Whittlebury Hall will provide a meal for two in its Murrays fine dining restaurant.

To enter, fill in the coupon, or visit www.mk-news.co.uk. Anyone who would like more information about Horwood House can email horwood-saleslead@principal-hayley. com, or call 01296 722100.

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Kuoni: Seven nights half-board for two people in a double superior room, flying economy with Air Mauritius. The prize is valid from January to July 2012. The seats on the flight are subject to availability and peak periods are excluded, e.g. Christmas/Easter/school holidays and popular departure days of the week are sometimes not possible due to availability.

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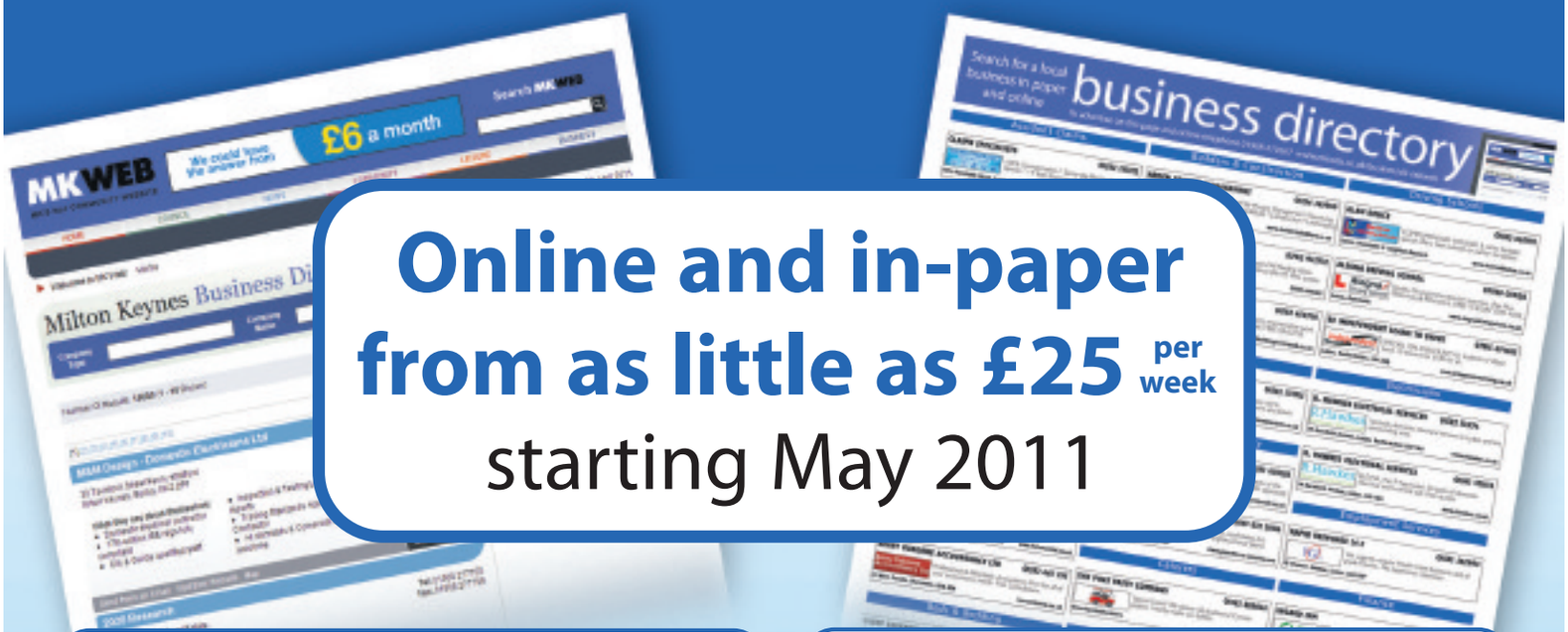

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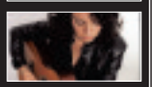
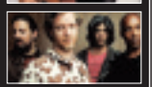
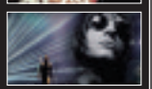

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SIMON DARNELL

SAVE THE WORLD
Swedish House Mafia
HERE'S what you get for your 99p.

Loads of backwards noises, a piano riff that's just a smidgen similar to Adele's Hometown Glory, a beat that doesn't kick in until the song's more than halfway through and a tune that doesn't really go anywhere once it does.

This is actually a really strange song, because all the good stuff's at the start, yet hardly any of it survives to the end. It's not often that you can actually hear a tune run out of ideas as it progresses, but that's what happens here.

BUSY
Olly Murs
IF THERE was a decorator's colour card for songs, this song would be available in magnolia, beige and cream.

Intensely safe colours for an intensely safe song, in other words.

Honestly, if this song was any more middle of the road it'd be a cat's eye.

This song says 'family friendly' to me, and it shouts 'everything's just wonderful', but unfortunately it screams 'Welcome to Stepford'.

At the end of the day though, it all comes down to personal taste.

If you like happy-go-lucky songs sung by interchangeable singers with TV-friendly smiles and a guitar, then good news, you're going to love this.

There's a time and a place for this sort of music as far as I'm concerned though, and that's the inside of a lift in a department store.

HOUSE
Patrick Wolf
AH, NOW this is much better. You want a happy tune that isn't naff? Here you go.

You're welcome.

See, it's all very well doing a simple, stripped back tune that'll please the kids and the grannies, but if you want to make a tune sound not just happy, but also uplifting, that's when you need to bring out the big guns and throw in a string section to go with it.

What we have here is, let's face it, an already fairly chipper tune, but the addition of half an orchestra is the icing on the cake.

It should also be pointed out that Patrick Wolf sounds for all the world like a 1980s pop singer who finds himself in the 2010s quite by accident, and his singing really adds a touch of character to the proceedings.

If we're going to have joyful music in the Top 40, I'd feel a lot better about it if they were more like this.

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IONA SUPPORTED BY YVONNE LYON
Tomorrow, 8pm
FORMED in 1989, Iona take their name from the small island off the west coast of Scotland. From the beginning, their aim has been to write spiritual, atmospheric, yet uplifting music that would stir the emotions. Uniquely combining rock, folk, progressive, ethnic and ambient elements with the crystalline voice of Joanne Hogg as their focus, Iona create a blaze of colours and textures, all the sounds fusing into a single, yearning, heartfelt cry. Tickets £17.50

CLARE TEAL: HEY HO
Friday, 8pm
Pre-concert talk at 6.30-7.30pm.
AFTER years performing shows based on the Great American Songbook, Clare has decided it's time to celebrate the UK's writing talent in her new show Hey Ho, a celebration of the Great British Songbook. Many of the songs included are assumed to be written by Americans, but actually had a lot of British involvement, for example Try A Little Tenderness by James Campbell and Reginald Connolly, Spread A Little Happiness by Vivan Ellis and He Was Beautiful by Stanley Myers and Dame Cleo Laine. The show also features modern classics such as Why by Annie Lennox and Chasing Cars by Snow Patrol. Tickets £22.50

LUCY KAPLANSKY
Sunday, 8pm
BARELY out of high school, Lucy

Lucy Kaplansky

Kaplansky moved to New York, finding a fertile community of songwriters - Suzanne Vega, Bill Morrissey, Cliff Eberhardt and others. With a beautiful flair for harmony, Lucy was everyone's favourite singing partner, but most often she sang as a duo with Shawn Colvin. The New York Times said it was 'easy to predict stardom for her' as she harmonised on Colvin's Steady On and on Nanci Griffith's Lone Star State of Mind and Little Love Affairs. Lucy's sound is pure Americana, wonderfully raw and rich with heartache and hope. Tickets £16.50

LOUDON WAINWRIGHT III SUPPORTED BY LUCY WAINWRIGHT ROCHE
Tuesday, 8pm
LOUDON wrote his first song in 1968 and now his recording career spans a total of 23 albums, including 2009's Grammy-winning High Wide & Handsome, a musical tribute to Charlie Poole, the legendary yet obscure NC singer and banjo player. Wainwright has collaborated with songwriter Joe Henry on the music for the hit movie Knocked Up and his songs have been recorded by Johnny Cash, Earl Scruggs, Rufus Wainwright and Mose Allison, among others. Tickets £28.50

SCREAMING BLUE MURDER
Wednesday, May 18, 8.45pm
PRESENTING the comedy stars of tomorrow, today, compere Andrew Bird introduces rising star Paul Kerensa and headliner Andrew Lawrence. The line-up may be subject to change. May contain strong language and adult material. Suitable for those aged 16 plus. Tickets £10 in advance, or £12 on the door.

THE SPIN DOCTORS
Thursday, May 19, 8pm
TWENTY years ago the Spin Doctors were riding high in the charts with their wonderful album A Pocketful Of Kryptonite and the single Two Princes. Album sales topped five million and reached number two in the UK charts, while the single reached number three. To celebrate the 20th anniversary of A Pocketful Of Kryptonite and its forthcoming reissue the original four band members are to tour again performing the whole album in chronological order as well as other favourites. A rare chance to see one of the great rock bands of recent years performing their seminal work. Tickets £21.50

THE PITZ 01908 660392

THE BLACK SPIDER AND JAPANESE VOYEURS
Friday, 7.30pm
FOLLOWING the release of their debut album Sons of the North on February, heavy five-piece The Black Spiders are taking to the road.

Last year they wowed festival crowds including Download, Sonipshere, High Voltage, Bloodstock and iTunes Festival in the UK alone.

With acclaimed EPs No Goats In The Omen and Cinco Hombres (Diez Cojones) preceding the album release they've been winning a lot of friends and influencing a lot of people in the build up to the album release, with features and sterling reviews across the board.

Joining them are Japanese Voyeurs following their sold-out Rock Sound Tour.

Speaking about their debut album Yolk, lead singer Romily said: "When we started out there weren't that many new groups making heavy music, the kind of music we liked to listen to when we were growing up, we wanted to recapture that spirit and that brutality."

Anyone wanting but tickets for the event, which cost £8.50, can log onto www.ents24.com.

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GREASE

Tuesday-Saturday, May 24-June 4

THE number one greatest musical, Grease, is back at Milton Keynes Theatre for two weeks only.

Following its four-year run on the West End, Danny Bayne, winner of ITV's Grease Is The Word, and star of Hairspray, returns as Danny with Carina Gillespie (Grease, Buddy) as Sandy.

Skating legend Robin Cousins will also be appearing, as the former Olympic champion and Dancing on Ice judge swaps the ice rink for the stage when he joins the cast to guest star as Teen Angel.

He is one of Britain's most famous individual ice skaters. He retired from the ice rink in 2000 after 30 years on the ice and 20 years of professional skating. During his highly successful career, Robin won the World Free Skating Championship gold medal three times, World Championship Silver and European Championship and Olympic gold medals.

So dust off your leather jackets, pull on your bobby-socks and get ready for the most fun-filled, high octane rock 'n' roll party of the year.

It's the original high school musical, featuring all the unforgettable songs from the hit movie, including You're The One That I Want, Grease Is The Word, Summer Nights, Hopelessly Devoted To You, Sandy, Greased Lightnin' and many more.

Throw your mittens around your kittens and hand jive the night away with the show that'll make you want to stand up and shout 'a-wop-bop-a-loo-bop a-wop-bam-boom'. It's the most electrifyin' extravaganza on stage - be there or be square.

COMPETITION

TO CELEBRATE the return of Grease, MK NEWS and Milton Keynes Theatre are offering one lucky reader the chance to win a pair of tickets to the opening night on Tuesday, May 24. To be in with a chance of winning, simply answer the following question: Who played Danny in the original film version of Grease?

Send your entry, with your name, address and telephone number, to competitions@mk-news.co.uk, or MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DU. The deadline is Wednesday, May 18, at noon. Editor's decision is final.

STANTONBURY THEATRE 01908 324422

ALICE

Sunday, 2.30pm

THE White Rabbit is late for the Duchess, the Cheshire Cat won't stop grinning and the Hatter is, well, mad.

In the middle of it all is Alice, a young girl with a vivid imagination and a family life that's less than perfect.

Follow Alice as she escapes her Sheffield home to find adventure in a topsy-turvy world.

Based on Lewis Carroll's classic tale, Alice breathes fresh life into a much-loved story about rabbit holes, pocket watches and talking caterpillars.

Performed by Stagestruck Youth Theatre Company.

Tickets cost £5. Suitable for age eight plus.

CHRYSALIS THEATRE

I KNOW THAT I SHOULD KNOW YOU

Saturday, 7pm

SINGER-SONGWRITER David Read will host a musical extravaganza to boost funds for Alzheimer's Research UK, a leading dementia charity.

The concert will showcase an exciting mix of artists playing folk, blues, rock, pop and indie music.

Fifty-seven-year-old David, from North Crawley, said: "It will be a fantastic evening of musical entertainment and the great thing is 100 per cent of the proceeds will go to Alzheimer's Research UK to help defeat dementia.

"It all started three years ago after my mother Janet died with Alzheimer's.

"I put my feelings about her long struggle with this cruel disease into song and recorded an album.

"A live performance in London followed last summer and £5,000 was raised towards our goal for Alzheimer's Research UK.

"I'll be joined at the Chrysalis Theatre by some brilliant musicians, including the hugely talented band My Element, singing partners Sue Armstrong and Barnaby Pickering, as well as Steve Pye and Kelsey Patterson.

"I'd love as many people as possible to come along on the night and make it a sell out performance."

Tickets cost from £8-£20 and are available at www.eventelephant.com/chrysalisiknowthatishouldknowyouspringconcert, or call 07582 686211.

MK GALLERY

SCRATCH NIGHT

Tomorrow, 6pm

THE Artists Cinema project was launched last year at Tate Modern and has been shown in cinemas nationwide, bringing the work of leading visual artists to diverse audiences.

It features seven international artists, whose work was described collectively by Brian Dillon of Sight & Sound as 'a ravishing but witty reflection on cinema's capacity to seduce'.

FRIDAY NIGHT FILM

The Man Who Fell To Earth (1976) Starring David Bowie

Friday, 6.30pm

THERE were rock stars and there was David Bowie, and the Man Who Fell to Earth captures him at a moment of extraordinary beauty - a vulnerable alien cast adrift in a world of mechanical relationships.

It forms part of a series of films selected by Gareth Jones to accompany his exhibition at MK Gallery.

Tickets £5 (concessions £3)

FAMILY DAY

Saturday, 11am-2pm

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If you are interested and would like to be sent a brief for this work please contact:

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CUSHELLE COMPETITION

IT'S spring and a sense of love is in the air for the Cushelle Koala.

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Send your answers to competitions@mk-news.co.uk, or on a postcard to MK NEWS, 1 Diamond Court, Fox Milne, Milton Keynes, MK15 0DU. Entries must reach us by Wednesday, May 18. The editor's decision is final.

HEART FM COLUMN

HEART Breakfast show presenters Stuart and Natalie wake you up each weekday and write to you each week in MK NEWS.

IF YOU'VE been to the cinema this week, you might have seen the trailer for Harry Potter and the Deathly Hallows Part 2 which is released this Friday after one of the biggest and most star studded world premiere's ever seen in London's Trafalgar Square and Leicester Square.

We caught up with Dan and Emma (Harry and Hermione) recently and wanted to know what momento's they had managed to spirit away from the set! Emma Watson has a piece of the chess set from the first film and a piece of treasure from the vault of Belatrix La Strange, which is a scene featured in the new movie. "I also have my wand and my cloak."

Daniel Radcliffe told us "I stole quite a few things from a couple of sets, they had all these goblets and things and I took a couple of those, and I have taken my glasses from the first film and the last film. The pair from the first film are tiny, from when I was a little me."

We also asked Emma about kissing Dan and Rupert in the new film, "I grew up with them, they are literally like my brothers.

"I had to remind myself I am an actress, I am Hermione, this is a role. I really had to force myself to be professional, it was really hard as we have so much history together."

Finally, we're looking forward to catching up with Hollywood hunk, Robert Pattinson later this week. He has just finished filming the final instalment of the Twilight saga with his on and off screen girlfriend, Kristen Stewart. You can catch up on the gossip from that one in next week's column.

Stuart and Natalie present Heart Breakfast from Monday to Friday between 6 and 10am on Heart 103.3FM.

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And last year Holly broke her arm jumping from a pier at the Worthing International Birdman Festival, apparently she entered the water wrong.

Tickets are £3 in advance from seetickets.com, or £4 on the door.

GARDEN LIFE

TOMATO WEEK

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Sunday until May 22

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For the daredevils among the crowd there will also be a chainsaw carving competition to watch and all the pieces created will later be auctioned-off.

A special cooking display will also take place by TV chef Alan Coxon, alongside a food hall full of tasty treats.

Adults tickets cost £6, pensioners £5.50 and children £2.

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DAILY LIFE

TOMORROW

CREATING communities: Early MK Exhibition at The City Discovery Centre. Free, 10am-4pm throughout the weekend.

WHO am I? Exploring personal heritage at Bow Brickhill Primary School. Free, 3.20-4.20pm.

JOHN Butterworth Retrospective paintings exhibition at AIM for Art Gallery, thecentre:mk, free.

MK City Orchestra playing at the John Lewis hat department. Free entry. From 6-8pm.

A NIGHT of Jazz and Blues at The Fox and Hounds, Stony Stratford. Free entry. From 7.30pm.

BLISWORTH Tunnel Rats at The White Horse, Stony Stratford. Old-time American-style music. Free, 9pm.

A MIDSUMMER Night's Dream at Madcap Theatre. Royal Shakespeare Company's endorsed Open Stages project. Tickets £10, or £8 for concessions, 7.30pm.

ARTS and History Talk at St Mary's Church, Stony Stratford. Free entry. From 7.30pm.

THE Big Fat Quiz at The Craufurd Arms, Wolverton. Tickets £1, age 18 plus, 7.30pm.

THE History of English Wine at Odells Wine Bar, Newport Pagnell. Tickets £15. From 7-10pm.

FRIDAY

RING of Steel at stadiummk. Open viewings of the Ring of Steel artwork. You can become part of the artwork for £30, 11am-6pm.

LIFERUINER with supports at The Craufurd Arms, Wolverton. Metallic hardcore band. Tickets £5. Over 14s only. From 7.30pm.

COME All Ye Singers at The Song Loft, Stony Stratford. Local artists showcasing their considerable talents. Tickets £2. From 8.15pm.

SATURDAY

DRAMA Workshops at Stantonbury Campus Theatre, Stantonbury. Free entry. From 10am-2pm.

VINTAGE Market at Odell's Yard, Stony Stratford. From 10am-4pm.

NUTTY About Nature, Caldecotte. An introduction to herbalism. Find out more about the wild plants which grow and their medicinal uses. Costs £5, 10am-noon.

WINDMILL Open Day at Bradwell Windmill. From 1.30-4.30pm. Free entry.

WEDDING Dresses throughout the ages at The Cowper & Newton Museum, Olney. A fascinating collection of wedding dresses. Tickets £4, or £1 for concessions, from 10.30am-4.30pm.

ARTWORKS-MK, Great Linford. Open studios, a gallery selling craft walks and talks and demonstrations by artists. Free, 10am-4pm.

VINTAGE Arts and Crafts Market at the Buszy, CMK. Traders ranging from fashions, antiques and food produce. Free, 11am-3pm.

STORYTELLING at Stony Stratford Library. Free, 10am-2pm.

PATCHWORK and Geometric Design at Aim for Art Gallery. Patchwork demonstrations from 10am and geometric design from noon.

LOCAL Arts and Crafts Fair at The City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey. Free entry. From 10am-4pm.

CLOUD Nine at The White Horse, Stony Stratford. From 9pm. Top-quality rock and pop covers. Free entry.

PINHOLE Photography Workshop at universitycentre:mk. Learn the process of pinhole photography, from how to make your own camera. Free, age 14 plus, 10am-2pm.

HISTORY of Badminton Exhibition at the National Badminton Centre, Loughton Lodge. The story of badminton through displays, memorabilia, videos and much more. Free, from 10.30am-3pm.

DANCE Workshops at MK Theatre, CMK. Street Dance by Zoe Purpuri, contemporary by Helen Parlor, ballet by Laura Harvey. From 10am. Tickets £6, or £15 for all three.

OPEN Studios and Exhibition at Westbury Studios, Shenley Wood. From 11am-4pm. Members' work and guest artists. Free entry.

MAY Fair at Christ the Vine, Coffee Hall. Bouncy castle, barbecue and a variety of stalls. Free, from 11am-2pm.

CREATIVE Workshops and Performances at Rivers ACE Centre, Bletchley. From 11am-4pm. Performances, displays, demonstrations and taster workshops. Free entry.

LIVE Music at The Mill at Bradwell Windmill. Open air event for all, bring blanket and chill. Free, from noon-5pm.

NIGHT at the Museum at Milton Keynes Museum. Spooky tour and storytelling by lamplight. Tickets £6, or £4 for concessions. From 6.30pm.

VIRTUOSI Gus Band Brass Spectacular at the City Church, CMK. From 7.45pm. Tickets £11, £9 and £5.

SUNDAY

MK RAMBLERS 11-mile walk via Wadden and Nash to Beachampton.
Meet at 9.30am, Shenley Wood, in the car park in Merlewood Drive off Tattenhoe Street. Dogs are welcome. Free entry.

LOCAL Arts and Crafts Fair, the City Discovery Centre, Bradwell Abbey. Free, 10am-4pm.

ARTS Centre Open Day at Artworks-mk, Great Linford. Open studios, talks and demonstrations. Free, 10am-4pm.

MK RAMBLERS four-and-a-half-mile walk via Rushmere Park. Meet at 10am at Three Locks Car Park, Stoke Hammond.

FESTIVE Road Drumming Workshop at City Discovery Centre. From 11am-3.30pm, free.

OPEN Studios at Westbury Studios, Shenley Wood. Members and guest's work in the two galleries. Free, from 11am-4pm.

OLD Lawnmower Rally at Milton Keynes Museum. From 11am-4.30pm.
Tickets £6, or £5 for concessions.

WINDMILL Open Day at Bradwell Windmill. From 1.30-4.30pm. Free entry.

MUSICAL Summer Sunday at Wolverton Secret Garden. The Band bring the music you bring a picnic. Free, 3-5pm.

VAGABOND Film Night - The Secrets in their Eyes at the Cock Hotel, Stony Stratford. Tickets £5, or £3 concessions, 7pm.

WEDNESDAY

FRANCESQA at the Craufurd Arms. Five-piece rock band. Tickets £7, 7.30pm, age 14 plus.

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Boss marks victory over Cherries as turning point

IT was an MK Dons fan who first told Karl Robinson that he had taken his side to the play-offs in his first ever season in charge.

The boss was entirely focused on the closing stages of the last home game of the season against Notts County, where he knew a win would seal the club's place in the end of season shake-up.

Goals from Sam Baldock and Angelo Balanta ensured that win was achieved, but if Leyton Orient slipped up against Tranmere any result would have been good enough for Robinson's charges.

With the game petering out, a supporter decided to let the young boss know about the capitulation of the Dons' promotion rivals, who had slipped to a disastrous 3-0 home defeat.

He shouted "Robbo, Tranmere have lost!" and the 29-year-old knew that a dream debut league season had been completed.

According to the boss, it took a while for the news to hit home.

"It's sunk in now," he said. "It never does when you're in the mix of it.

"But it has been a remarkable achievement."

Some impressive showings throughout the season have elevated the Dons to their lofty position, with an eight game unbeaten run throughout February and March cementing the club's promotion challenge.

However, Robinson, *pictured left,* points to a victory that followed a rough spell as his key moment of the campaign.

The end of November and start of December was a poor period for his side, who suffered consecutive league defeats to Sheffield Wednesday, Huddersfield and Notts County after being dumped out of the FA Cup by League Two new-boys Stevenage.

Robinson admits that the period was the darkest time of his fledgling season in charge.

He said: "It was when I had to look in the mirror and ask what, how, where and when. But we still believed in what we were doing."

Three days after Christmas, Dons welcomed Bournemouth to stadiummk, a side bang in form, with the hope of ending their slump.

The boss regards the performance and 2-0 victory as a massive turning point in the season.

He said: "It was a game where people were saying we would struggle to win, but we were absolutely brilliant.

"Coming out of that we went on this phenomenal run and went on from there and then, we were like a steam train for two months. We were unstoppable."

Another game that sticks in the memory of the manager was a game that would have perhaps caused the Dons' fans the most anguish – the 3-2 away defeat to now promoted Southampton.

Dons stormed into a 2-0 lead at St Mary's thanks to goals from Baldock and Gary MacKenzie, but the Saints came roaring back with three unanswered goals of their own.

Losing in such fashion is always a bitter pill to swallow but Robinson saw the result as a sign of how far the club had come.

"Getting beat there was a big moment for me," he said.

"I thought for the first hour, we looked like the team who were top of the league, two goals up against just a normal league team and dominating possession and dominating the game.

"They couldn't get anywhere near us, then Sam got injured and I made a substitution that was the wrong one at

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Playing with the big boys: Rowan Vine celebrates with Sam Baldock as MK Dons go two up against Southampton earlier this season

Season highlight: Dons captain Dean Lewington congratulates Mathias Kouo-Doumbe, *right*, after he scored MK Dons' second goal against Bournemouth in December

the time, and we got beat. But we came out of the game thinking, hang on, the year before we got beat four times by Southampton, but now, in the space of a year, we've beaten them at home and gone 2-0 up at their place."

The game proved that Dons could compete against the bigger name clubs and the away performance against Sheffield Wednesday – another fallen giant – is also one Robinson is proud of despite that game finishing 2-2.

"We went to Sheffield and we were magnificent," he added.

"After going 2-0 up MacKenzie was sent off in the first half, and if he'd had stayed on the pitch it would have been four or five.

"We were that good and we were that dominant and it was Gary Megson's first game as Wednesday boss so they should have had new manager syndrome."

The success has come despite the Dons, and Robinson himself, being ruled out by many before a ball had even been kicked.

A mid-table finish last season and the appointment of the Football League's youngest manager prompted both press and bookmakers to draw a line through any promotion hopes.

"We've had so many knocks this year," he said. "So many people have said we're not going to do this, we're not good enough and questioned me, questioned the staff and questioned the players.

"I think we had the 12th or 13th biggest budget in the league and it just took the burden of expectancy off our shoulders, we carried on playing with a smile on our faces and played good football."

Robinson's efforts have recently seen him put pen to paper on a new three-year contract and he now feels that he can plan for the future.

He said that chairman Pete Winkelman had given him the 'biggest opportunity of his life' by showing faith in him and he has enjoyed creating Dons history during his first spell.

This season has seen the first visit to a Premier League ground, and the first top flight side to be defeated when Blackpool succumbed in extra time in the League Cup.

A fanatical Liverpool fan since he was a boy, Robinson joked that he'd love to become a Bill Shankly figure in Milton Keynes.

Reaching a play-off final would require another rewriting of the record books and Robinson is itching for kick-off in the first leg of the semi-final clash to come around.

The much-changed team he selected for the final league game of the season against Oldham proved that once the play-off spot was secured, his thoughts were on little else.

When he stands on the touchline for the first leg of the semi-final, it will undoubtedly be Robinson's biggest game as a manager, but a major occasion is something he is relishing.

He said: "I honestly can't wait and I was devastated that I had to wait nine days," he said. "I just want it now.

"I want the big game scenarios, I want to play the likes of Leeds, Birmingham and Nottingham Forest.

"The players can't wait either. There's always a good atmosphere at the training ground as all we do is play football. It's the best job in the world."

Robinson now hopes that the city will share his enthusiasm and pack out stadiummk when the first leg takes place.

Managers praising the impact fans have is often seen as a cliche, but Robinson is adamant that noisy vocal support does make a massive difference.

"A unique thing about Milton Keynes is that they love an event, and if something big is on, they'll come," he said. "I just hope that they see this play-off as a big event and a great spectacle to see what type of football club we are.

"I'd love 17,000 plus but we can't affect that, the only people who can are the people."

Despite the game having so much riding on it, the boss said that he wouldn't be preparing any differently for the tie, arguing that staff at the club prepare thoroughly for every single match so things could not become any more professional.

He also admitted that across a two-legged game things are not going to go your way for the entire 180 minutes, and that bouncing back when under pressure could be key to ensuring passage through to the final.

"The sign of true men is those who in the face of adversity stand up and be counted," he said.

"We're going to work harder than ever, and the players are fearless. Honest to God, they're fearless."

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LESS than 60 miles separates Milton Keynes from Peterborough, a fact which will certainly add more spice to the massive semi-final.

The Posh are hoping for an immediate return to The Championship after relegation last season and are sure to travel to stadiummk for Sunday's first leg in big numbers.

Their demotion came about just one season after they got out of League One, so Darren Ferguson's team will be desperate to get back into the second tier of English football at the first time of asking.

Star players such as keeper Joe Lewis, winger George Boyd and lethal striker Craig Mackail-Smith were part of the side that went up two years ago and are still at London Road so they know exactly what it takes to get out of the division.

Manager Ferguson, son of Manchester United boss Sir Alex, was at the helm for that promotion having taken the club up from League Two just a year before.

He too then has tasted the glory of going up, but he left the club in November 2009 with his side routed to the foot of the Championship table.

Mark Cooper, Jim Gannon and Gary Johnson have all had spells as manager since then and when the latter left in January after just nine months in charge due to a disagreement with the chairman, it paved the way for Ferguson to make a sensational return.

The boss has maintained Peterborough's promotion challenge during his second spell in the top job, with an eight game unbeaten run throughout February and March all but assuring the club a place in at least the play-offs.

Their form going into the clash with the Dons has not been sparkling though as they only managed one win in five before Saturday's 5-0 home thumping of relegated Dagenham and Redbridge.

According to Peterborough's press officer Phil Adlam, Ferguson has one or two different formations up his sleeve, with the only constants being Lewis in goal, Mark Little at right-back, Ryan Bennett and Gabi Zakuani as central defenders, Boyd and Grant McCann in midfield and Mackail-Smith up front.

The rest, he said, would be 'guesswork'.

This season's meetings . . .

September 25
Peterborough 2 MK Dons 1
League One
London Road

MISTAKES at the back proved costly for the Dons in the first meeting between the clubs this season.

A slip from Mathias Kouo-Doumbe allowed Mackail-Smith to get onto the end of an Aaron McLean cross to open the scoring after 36 minutes, but skipper Dean Lewington smashed home from inside the box just a minute later to level the scores.

However, the Dons were caught cold at the start of the second half when McLean headed home after being left unmarked. Robinson later described the game as the "Mackail-Smith and McLean show".

March 21
MK Dons 1 Peterborough 0
League One
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GARY MacKenzie's second-half winner ensured that the Dons picked up three crucial points and gained revenge for the earlier defeat. Lewis spilled a Kouo-Doumbe cross and the centre back took full advantage by slotting home, *pictured above.*

The win ended Peterborough's eight match unbeaten run and increased the Dons' hope of a top two finish.

Posh had several chances in the first half but they found keeper David Martin in excellent form, and Peter Leven nearly put the Dons in front when he curled a shot onto the woodwork.

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Key men to watch . . .

Joe Lewis

GOALKEEPER Lewis joined Peterborough in 2008 after Posh paid a then club-record £400,000 to Norwich City, and the 23-year-old quickly established himself as one of the best up and coming stoppers in English football.

His impressive performances saw him first called up to the England U21 squad and he was then surprisingly called up to the full national side.

He was linked with a move to the Premier League but since then the man who the Dons will be trying to fire past has not had it all his own way, with costly mistakes resulting in criticism from fans.

Ferguson was forced to publicly defend Lewis after two mistakes at Bournemouth led to goals last month, but the keeper did bounce back with a penalty save against Huddersfield.

Dons will be hoping that the Lewis who played against Bournemouth, and not the one who broke into the England squad, will be the one who turns up in the play-offs.

Natural Flair: George Boyd gets across to stop Daniel Powell

Shot stopper: Joe Lewis saves at the feet of Sam Baldock and Rowan Vine

George Boyd

SIGNED from then non-league Stevenage, left winger Boyd has been little short of a revelation during his time at London Road. Along with McLean and Mackail-Smith, Boyd is part of what Peterborough fans call the Holy Trinity, which tells you how highly regarded he is.

His natural ability down the flank is sure to cause the Dons problems and Karl Robinson's side will need to perform well to keep him under wraps.

Nicknamed The White Pele, Boyd had the chance of bigger things when Nottingham Forest came calling, and although that loan move failed to work out he will surely have the chance to move up in the world sooner rather than later.

This season he has scored 17 goals in all competitions, and will be one of Peterborough's go-to men in the play-offs.

Charlie Lee

A PLAYER who is comfortable in a number of positions in the defence or the midfield, Lee is perhaps an unsung hero in Peterborough's side.

The former Tottenham man may be used at the bottom of a four man diamond in the centre of the park, but will slot in wherever required.

Lee's work-rate has made him a favourite at London Road and he will give 100 per cent commitment for Posh's cause against the Dons.

A member of the side that achieved back to back promotions, Lee was named Player of the Year in 2007/8 after his first season with the club.

Craig Mackail-Smith

THE League One Player of the Year and the top scorer in the division, Mackail-Smith is a highly dangerous striker who is sure to keep the Dons' defence busy during the course of the 180 minutes.Another player who has shone at London Road after being plucked from the lower leagues, the front-man is another who is likely to attract interest from various suitors in the future.

With 32 goals already this season, Mackail-Smith's stock continues to soar, and if he has a quiet game, the chances are things have gone well for the Dons.

Pace and commitment are qualities Mackail-Smith has in abundance, and he did enough this season to break into the Scotland squad thanks to his Edinburgh-born grandmother.

A player that Robinson will need to make special plans for.

Possible line-ups

Dons: Martin, Lewington, Kouo-Doumbe, MacKenzie, O'Hanlon, Marsh-Brown, Gleeson, Clayton, Chadwick, Powell, S.Baldock.
Peterborough: Lewis, Little, Zakuani, Bennett, Wesolowski, Mendez-Laing, Lee, Boyd, McCann, Rowe, Mackail-Smith.

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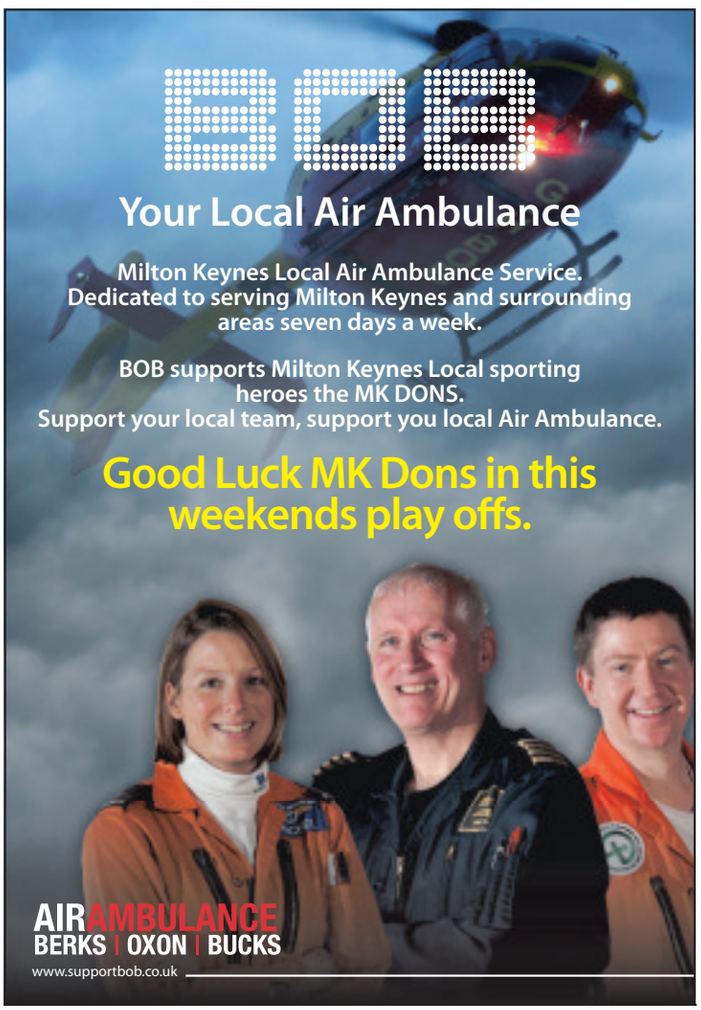

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Fighting talk: Dons' chairman Pete Winkelman

Pete puts no pressure on Dons for play-off assault

DONS chairman Pete Winkelman is a relaxed man as the club prepares for its play-off challenge.

Promotion to the Championship would double turnover, but the club's top man insists that there is no pressure on Karl Robinson's side as they head into the crunch semi-final.

Winkelman admitted to being a bundle of nerves during the Dons' last play-off campaign two seasons ago, when the club suffered penalty shootout heartbreak after two tight semi-final legs against Scunthorpe United.

The Dons racked up 87 points that season and missed out on automatic promotion by just two points before losing to the Irons, who only confirmed their play-off spot on the last day of the season with a total of 76.

"Two years ago it was seen as our big chance to go up," Winkelman said.

"I still remember the pressure on us in those play-offs now, it was making us feel ill."

This time around though, there is a completely different atmosphere at stadiummk.

With an up-and-coming young manager at the helm, a growing fan-base and a side that plays an exciting style of football, Winkelman has felt the strain lift from his shoulders.

He said: "I'm much more relaxed than I've been in the past.

"I think we're going into the semi-final in the most interesting way – we've enjoyed getting there and it's not been 'oh God, we're only in the play-offs when we should have gone up automatically'."

Winkelman said that the target had always been promotion – whether through a top two finish or the play-offs.

And he acknowledged that the sides that narrowly miss out on going up automatically can be the ones to miss out in the play-off lottery – just as the Dons found out against Scunthorpe.

"I think we go into the play-offs in really good spirits because there's absolutely no pressure," Winkelman said.

"We've enjoyed this year, and if we don't go up, so be it.

"Let's make some improvements to the team and let's see if we can go and do it next year."

The chairman said that there had been many pivotal moments during the season that had helped secure the play-off spot, but he pointed to business off the field as being the most important.

In January, the club slashed its player budget but it didn't affect matters on the pitch, with the side notching up several impressive results during the run-in.

Winkelman said: "We cut our wage bill significantly and did better. Any company will tell you that if you make some economies and make the company more efficient then it's good business.

"Football is usually bad business."

Winkelman added that he took a 'great sense of satisfaction' in the off-field success and another key factor in setting up the semi-final clash was his appointment of Robinson.

The 29-year-old has enjoyed an excellent first season at the helm of the club, steering his side into the promotion mix despite some voices casting doubt on the capabilities of the youngest manager in the Football League.

A year on and the chairman quite rightly feels vindicated to have silenced the doubters.

"People raised their eyebrows last year when I appointed him, but I absolutely feel that we did the right thing in giving that young man a chance," Winkelman said.

"He's shown passion, hard work and dedication. Those traits are success traits in any job and they are just as relevant for a football manager."

Now, Winkelman wants to see the people of Milton Keynes turn out to support the Dons in the vital semi-final clash, to help cheer them on to a showpiece final at Old Trafford.

He said: "We've never been to a play-off final before, so we have the chance to create a bit of history.

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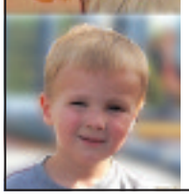

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"We are not interested in going to places like China or anywhere else, it's all in Milton Keynes.

"The product took seven years of research and development at Bletchley, £15million of private investment and is now going into full-blown manufacturing - we are going from making hundreds every month to making tens of thousands."

Mr Reynolds said that this is not just a boost for the local economy, but also the UK. He added: "The unique thing is we are a great nation of inventors, but there's no great capital basis to support that. Luckily, we've had the backing."

Chief technical officer Andy Neat with CEO Tim Reynolds and their plasma lights

Starting life during recession hasn't hampered law company

A CITY law firm is continuing to grow after three successful years - and is bucking the national trend during the recession.

Kingsley David Solicitors in Knowlhill marks its third anniversary this month and has celebrated by taking on two more people. The firm was set up with just two people and specialised in property law, but has now grown to 15 staff, acquired a matrimonial service and achieved an extensive list of clients.

Chief executive officer Simon Stone said: "We started in the recession, which was possibly the worst time to start a law firm, especially one that is property oriented, so getting through the first three years was a challenge, but it was probably a good lesson in being frugal.

"I'm delighted we are still here, it's been a difficult three years but I've grown with wonderful colleagues - the quality of people we've acquired has been good and we've grown with people we know and trust.

"It's been a very organic growth."

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Dealer's star award

WOLVERTON car dealer Saxonbridge has been awarded four stars by leading car buyer advice site Usedcarexpert.co.uk.

Matthew Tumbridge, the editor of Usedcarexpert.co.uk, said: "We analyse the prices of 200,000 cars every single month. We awarded Saxonbridge a four star award because of its extremely fair prices, warranty and pre-delivery checks."

New Brighthouse store

BRIGHTHOUSE, the rent-to-own chain specialising in the sale of home electronics, domestic appliances and household furniture, opened a new store in the Brunel Shopping Centre, Bletchley, on Saturday.

The 2,000ft store employs nine staff and was opened with a family fun day.

Store manager, Chris Darling, said: "We are very excited about joining the community in Bletchley."

MG6 hits Bletchley

MG SPECIALIST dealers Souls, in Bletchley, is one of the first in the country to take delivery of the new MG6 sports fastback - the first all-new MG to be built in the UK in 16 years.

Managing director Andrew Soul said: "Having driven it back from Birmingham I can now see what all the fuss is about. It's a brilliant car and has that dynamic driving quality that marks it out as a true MG."

Firm joins scheme

RAY Borley Dunkley LLP Solicitors has become the first firm in Milton Keynes to secure membership to the Law Society's Conveyancing Quality Scheme (CQS) - the mark of excellence for the home buying process.

The practice underwent rigorous assessment by the Law Society in order to secure CQS status, which marks the firm out as meeting high standards in the residential conveyancing process.

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Bradwell Village

A DELIGHTFUL 17th Century Grade II-listed barn conversion, divided into two parts and offering unusual and versatile accommodation.

The property is accessed via a remote controlled barn door leading to the rear courtyard that is divided into three areas - lawn, patio and gravel parking.

Offering many character features, including exposed stone walls and ceiling timbers, residence one is L shaped and offers three bedrooms, en-suite, family bathroom, utility room and an open plan living, dining and kitchen area.

Residence two offers two bedrooms, two en-suites, utility room and an open plan living, dining and kitchen area.

The property is located within Bradwell Village with cricket green, bowls green, social club and two public houses. On the market for £500,000, it simply must be viewed to fully appreciate its charm.

For more information, or to arrange a viewing, contact Taylors Executive Homes on 01908 240981, or email www.taylorsestateagents.co.uk.

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eight facts

The number '8' is the atomic number of oxygen

A V8 engine has 8 cylinders configured in two rows of 4 forming a "V"

8 of the bodies orbiting the Sun in our solar system are considered to be planets.

There are 8 furlongs in a mile

The symbol 8 means eternity or infinity as it has no start and no end

Eight pints make a gallon

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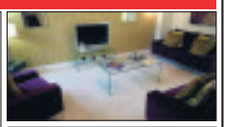
3 BEDROOM SHOWHOME £199,000



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• Semi detached new home
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• North Milton Keynes

LUXURY STONY APARTMENTS £235,000

• Rarely available 3 bedroom apartment.
• This home has all double bedrooms, an en suite and bathroom.
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• Versatile layout
• Allocated parking
• Close to Wolverton station
• 5% deposit paid!!

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• WAS £144,995.

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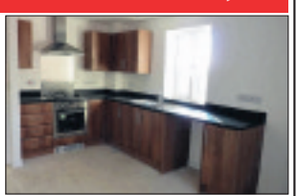
• Guaranteed 7% yield per annum
• 3/4 mid terrace new home
• Popular East Milton Keynes
• Top floor devoted to master suite
• Open green to the front with trees!

4 BED HOME WITH ROOF TERRACE £245,995



• Contemporary 4 bed home
• Living room with french doors onto roof terrace
• Master bedroom with en suite
• Within walking distance to Kingston centre
• East Milton Keynes

5% DEPOSIT PAID £172,995

• A fantastic double aspect corner apartment
• 2 double bedrooms and 2 bathrooms.
• The property has the benefit of 5% deposit paid, worth £8,649.
• Ready soon.
• Situated in the town centre of this popular Milton Keynes suburb, Stony Stratford.

2 BEDROOM APARTMENT £144,749

• Rarely availble.
• Juliet balcony from the living room.
• Both bedrooms are doubles.
• Canal side developement.
• North Milton Keynes, close to train station.
• 5% Deposit paid!!!

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• 4 Bedroom brand new home
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• Ideal location, near to Kingston
• Garage
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• Master bedroom suite, with dressing room.
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• Popular East Milton Keynes.
• Guaranteed rental yield of 7% possible.

PART EXCHANGE AVAILABLE £299,995

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• Open plan kitchen/ braekfast room onto the garden.
• Garage with double parking.
• Situated in East Milton Keynes.
• Why not PART EXCHANGE??

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- 3 reception rooms
- Kitchen and further kitchenette
- Six bedrooms
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£335,000

Broughton

- Spacious and light 5 bed detached property
- 3 reception rooms
- Conservatory
- Kitchen/breakfast & utility, conservatory
- Master bedroom with en suite
- Jack & Jill en suite
- 2 parking spaces in front of the garage.

£360,000

Shenley Brook End

- Four/Five Bedroom Detached
- Ensuite to Master Bedroom
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Off Road Parking and Garage
- Viewing Recommended

£375,000

Furzton Lake

- Detached Five bedroom Property
- Three en suites
- Three reception rooms
- Kitchen/dining room
- Utility and downstairs cloakroom
- Double garage
- Gardens to front and rear

£750,000

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Bradwell Village

- 17th Century Grade 2 listed Barn Conversion
- Divided into two parts
- Offers unusual and versatile accommodation
- Offering many character features
- Five bedrooms in total
- Three En suites
- Simply must be viewed to fully appreciate its charm

£500,000

Bletchley

- Stunning Detached Executive Residence
- Self Contained Annexe
- Extended To A High Specification
- Generous Plot In Cul-De-Sac Location
- Five Bedrooms
- En Suite To Master Bedroom
- Carriage Driveway
- Beautiful Gardens to Front and Rear

£500,000

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- Cloakroom
- Dining Room
- Off Road Parking
- Rear Garden

Downhead Park £122,500

- Two Bedroom
- Ground Floor
- Apartment
- Open Plan Living Area
- Communal Gardens
- No Upper Chain

Heelands £134,950

- Semi Detached Property
- Three Bedrooms
- Lounge and Kitchen/diner
- Gardens to front and rear
- Driveway providing off road parking
- Garage

Fishermead £175,000

- Three Bedroom Semi Detached Home
- Entrance Hall
- Lounge and Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Family Bathroom
- Gardens and Garage

Great Linford £159,950

- Three Bedroom Property
- Great Linford Area
- Dining Room
- Front & Rear Garden
- Allocated Parking
- Double Glazing

Furzton £165,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Bathroom
- Gardens
- Garage

Ashland £250,000

- Four/Five Bedroom Property
- Cloakroom
- Dining Room
- Utility
- Master Ensuite
- Walk In Dressing Area to Master
- Garage and Off Road Parking

Bradville £140,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Semi Detached
- Lounge
- Kitchen
- Bathroom
- Front & Rear Garden

Heelands £112,500

- Two Bedroom Terrace
- Porch
- Lounge and Kitchen
- Wet Room
- Front & Rear Garden

Simpson £125,000

- Two Bedroom First Floor Flat
- Lounge and Dining Area
- Kitchen
- Bathroom and wc
- Communal Gardens and Garage

Emerson Valley £235,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Cloakroom and Utility
- Kitchen/Dining Room
- Lounge and Conservatory
- En suite and Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens

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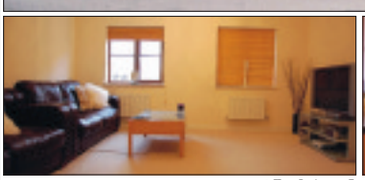
Bradwell £205,000

- Three Bedroom Link Detached
- Cloakroom
- Lounge/Dining Room
- Kitchen
- Bathroom

Middleton £265,000

- Three Bedroom Detached
- Lounge and Kitchen/Diner
- Downstairs cloakroom
- Front and Rear gardens
- Garage and off road parking

Monkston Park



- Two Bedroom First Floor Apartment
- Ensuite and Family Bathroom
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Breakfast Area
- Allocated Parking Space

Walnut Tree

- Three Bedroom End Terrace
- Cloakroom and Family Bathroom
- Lounge and Kitchen/Diner
- Conservatory
- Rear Garden and Off Road Parking

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Wolverton Guide £160,000

- Three Bedroom Victorian Property
- Front Room
- Lounge/Family Room
- Utility
- Downstairs Shower Room
- Upstairs Bathroom
- Loft Room
- Gas to Radiator Heating

New Bradwell OIEO £125,000

- Well Presented
- Two Bedrooms
- Victorian Mid Terrace Property
- Refitted Family Bathroom
- Front and Rear Gardens

Public Notice £155,000

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Deanshanger £250,000

- Very Well Presented
- Four Bedroom
- Three Storey
- Detached Home
- En Suite To Master
- Cloakroom
- Single Garage
- Garden

Wolverton OIEO £125,000

- End of terrace property
- Two bedrooms
- Lounge
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Family bathroom
- Rear garden

Wolverton £169,995

- Terraced property
- Kitchen/breakfast room
- Three reception rooms
- Three bedrooms
- Rear garden

Deanshanger £145,000

- Two Bedrooms
- Terrace
- Cloakroom
- Two En Suite
- Off Road Parking
- No Upper Chain

Deanshanger £210,000

- Semi Detached
- Three Bedrooms
- Cloakroom
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Conservatory
- Ensuite to Master
- Driveway and Garage

Wolverton £145,000

- Three Bedroom Property
- Some Original Features
- Double Bedrooms
- Utility/Storage Cuboard
- Refitted Bathroom
- Refitted Kitchen
- Roof Terrace
- No Upper Chain

Wolverton OIEO £160,000

- Three Bedroom
- Dining Room
- WC
- Conservatory
- Front and Rear Gardens
- Garage
- Off Road Parking

Hanslope Offers Over £185,000

- Very Well Presented
- Three Bedroom
- Victorian Style Terrace
- Refitted Kitchen
- Refitted Bathroom
- No Upper Chain

Stony Stratford Offers Over £200,000

- Semi Detached Bungalow
- Two Bedrooms
- Separate Reception Rooms
- Refitted Kitchen
- Conservatory
- Re-fitted Shower Room
- Gardens to Front and Rear
- Detached Single Garage

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Racecourses £169,995

•Semi Detached
•Three Bedrooms
•Kitchen/Diner
•Rear Garden
•Off Road Parking

Fenny Stratford £130,000

• Two Bedrooms
• Ground Floor Apartment
• Good Location
• Communal Gardens

Bletchley £90,000

• Terraced property
• Three bedrooms
• Downstairs cloakroom
• Kitchen/diner
• Lounge
• Gardens to front and rear

Racecourses £50,000

• Shared Ownership
• One Bedroom Masionette
• Popular Racecourse Area
• Refitted Kitchen
• Lounge/Diner
• Rear Garden
• Allocated Parking

Rivers Estate £159,500

• Semi Detached Home
• Three Bedrooms
• Lounge/Diner
• Refitted Kitchen
• Refitted Bathroom
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking

Fenny Stratford £255,000

• Detached
• Four Bedrooms
• Kitchen/Breakfast
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Downstairs Cloakroom
• Ensuite to Master
• Garden
• Driveway and Garage

Poets Estate Guide £210,000

• Three Bedroom
• Semi Detached
• Refitted Kitchen
• Conservatory
• Front & Rear Gardens
• Off Road Parking

Fenny Stratford £169,995

• Spacious Top Floor Apartment
• Two Double Bedrooms
• Bathroom & Ensuite Shower Room
• Kitchen/Diner
• Juliet Balcony Overlooking Marina
• Large Double Aspect Lounge
• Excellent Decorative Order
• Allocated Parking

Bletchley Guide £130,000

• Well Presented
• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Conservatory
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Driveway and Garage
• Double Glazing
• Gas Central Heating

Eaton Mill OIRO £170,000

• Detached Bungalow
• Three Bedrooms
• Lounge/Diner
• Utility Room
• Front and Rear Garden
• Driveway
• Garage

Rivers Estate OIEO £155,000

• Semi Detached Property
• Three Bedrooms
• Popular Location
• Refitted Kitchen
• Refitted Bathroom
• Boasts An Secluded Rear Garden
• Garage

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Kingsmead £390,000

• Detached Property
• Four Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Study
• Two Ensuites
• Front and Rear Garden

Tattenhoe £215,000

• Three Bedrooms
• Semi Detached Property
• Cul-De-Sac Location
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Front and Rear Gardens

Westcroft £172,000

• Two Bedroom
• Cloakroom
• Master Ensuite
• Allocated Parking
• Double Glazing
• Gas to Radiator Central Heating.
• Front & Rear Garden

Shenley Brook End £255,000

• Detached
• Four Bedrooms
• Downstairs Cloakroom
• Separate Reception Rooms
• Conservatory
• Kitchen/Breakfast Room
• Master Bedroom with Ensuite
• Garden

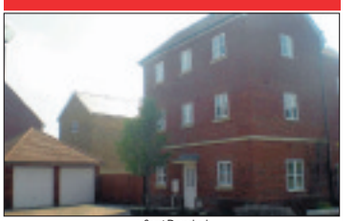
Oxley Park £385,000

•Detached Property
•Five Bedrooms
•Cloakroom
•Separate Reception Rooms
•Kitchen/Breakfast Room
•Ensuite to Master
•Front and Rear Gardens,
•Driveway and Double Garage

Crownhill £175,000

• Semi Detached
• Three Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Kitchen/Dining Room
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Driveway

Westcroft OIRO £285,000

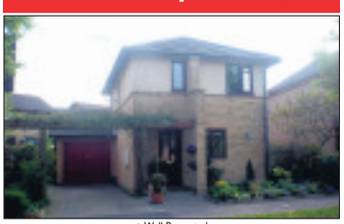


• Semi Detached
• Four Bedrooms
• Cloakroom
• Conservatory
• Kitchen/Diner
• Two Ensuites
• Garden and Garage
• Off Road Parking

Oxley Park £225,000

• Four bedroom property
• Kitchen/breakfast room
• Lounge/diner
• Downstairs cloakroom
• Master bedroom with dressing area and en suite
• Enclosed rear garden
• Garage and off road parking

Emerson Valley £215,000

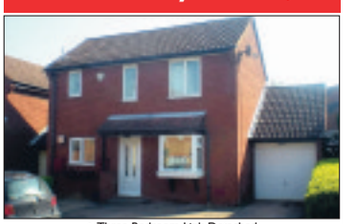


• Well Presented
• Extended Detached Property
• Three Bedrooms
• Gas Central Heating
• Double Glazing
• Refitted Shower Room
• Front and Rear Gardens
• Single Garage

Grange Farm £280,000

• Detached Property
• Four Bedrooms
• Study
• Kitchen/Diner
• Driveway and Garage
• Rear Garden

Emerson Valley £215,000



• Three Bedroom Link Detached
• Kitchen/Diner
• Double Glazing
• Garage
• Off Road Parking
• Front & Rear Garden

Furzton £329,995

•Detached Property
•Four Bedrooms
•Cloakroom
•Separate Reception Rooms
•Refitted Kitchen/Breakfast Room
•Refitted Family Bathroom
•Double Garage and Driveway
•Garden

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Newport Pagnell £155,000

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- Two Bedroom Property
- Sought After Location
- Kitchen/Diner
- Double Glazing
- Gas to Radiator Heating
- Off Road Parking
- Garage in a Block
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Bozeat £165,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

- Three Bedroom
- Semi Detached Property
- Refitted Kitchen/Diner
- Refitted Bathroom
- Double Glazing
- Gas Radiator Heating
- Garage & Gardens
- Call 01234 713333 to view

Lavendon £169,995

NEW INSTRUCTION

- Very Well Presented
- Three Bedroom End Of Terrace
- Lounge
- Kitchen/Diner
- Three Bedrooms
- Gardens
- Allocated Parking
- Call 01234 713333 to view

Newport Pagnell £240,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

- Link detached home
- Four bedrooms
- Lounge/diner
- Kitchen
- Downstairs shower room
- Gardens to front and rear
- Single garage
- Call 01908 611966 to view

Olney £195,000

NEW INSTRUCTION

- Well Presented
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Garden

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Garden
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Kitchen
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£700,000

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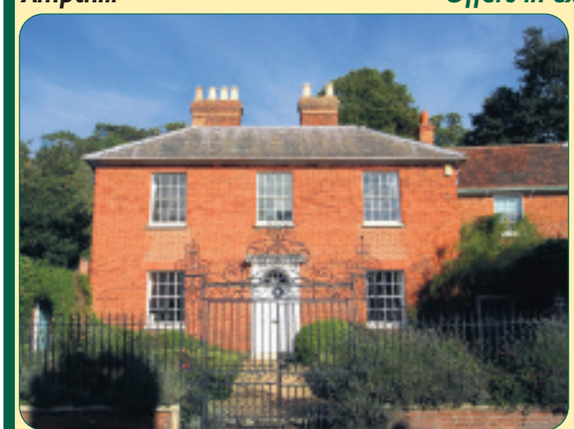

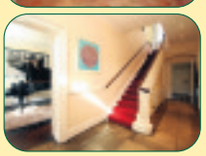

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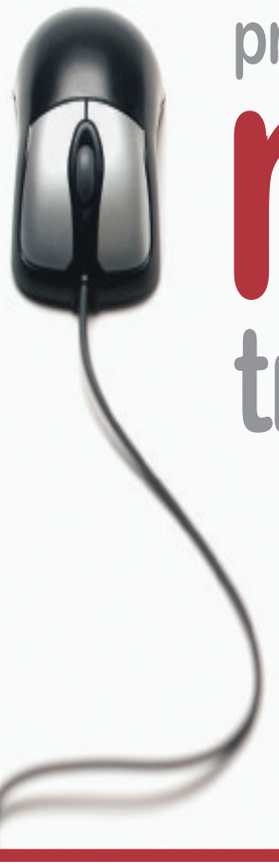

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Closing date: Thursday 12th May 2011

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Closing Date for both posts: Wednesday 25th May, 2011

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We are

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Visits to the school are warmly welcomed.
Closing date: Wednesday 18th May 2011 (noon). Interviews: w/c 23rd May 2011
Application packs available from Mrs Schwar, School Bursar, Beauchamp Middle School, Hawk Drive, Bedford MK41 7JE
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Visits to the school are welcomed.

Closing Dates for both posts:
Wednesday 18th May (12.00 noon)
Interviews: Friday 20th May

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Priory Middle School

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Informal visits to the school by prospective candidates are encouraged and welcomed by prior appointment.

Priory Middle School places the highest priority on the safeguarding and welfare of children and because of the nature of our work this post is subject to an enhanced CRB disclosure check

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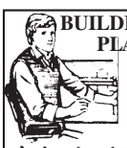

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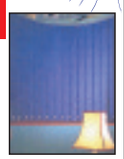

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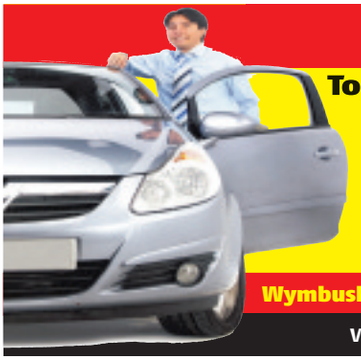

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10	Dag & Red H (Carling Cup)	H	2-1
21	Carlisle	A	1-4
24	Blackpool (Carling Cup)	H	4-3
28	Swindon	H	2-1

September

4	Hartlepool	H	1-0
11	Brighton	A	0-2
15	Southampton	H	2-0
18	Rochdale	H	1-1
21	Birmingham (Carling Cup)	A	1-3
25	Peterborough	A	1-2
28	Charlton	A	0-1

October

2	Colchester	H	1-1
5	Charlton (JPT)	H	1-2
9	Dag & Red	H	2-0
16	Bournemouth	A	2-3
23	Exeter	H	1-0
30	Tranmere	A	2-4

November

2	Yeovil	H	3-2
6	Stevenage (FAC)	A	0-0
13	Brentford	A	2-0
16	Stevenage (FAC) (Stevenage win 7-6 on penalties)	H	1-1
20	Sheff Wed	H	1-4
23	Huddersfield	A	1-4

December

11	Notts County	A	0-2
28	Bournemouth	H	2-0

January

1	Bristol Rovers	H	2-0
3	Yeovil	A	0-1
8	Exeter	A	1-1
15	Tranmere	H	2-0
18	Plymouth	H	1-3
22	Dag & Red	A	1-0
25	Leyton Orient	A	2-2

February

2	Bristol Rovers	A	2-1
5	Sheff Wed	A	2-2
12	Brentford	H	1-1
15	Leyton Orient	H	2-3
19	Hartlepool	A	1-0
22	Oldham	H	0-0
26	Brighton	H	1-0

March

5	Rochdale	A	4-1
8	Charlton	H	2-0
12	Colchester	A	3-1
21	Peterborough	H	1-0
25	Walsall	H	1-1

April

2	Southampton	A	2-3
9	Carlisle	H	3-2
16	Swindon	A	1-0
22	Huddersfield	H	1-3
25	Plymouth	A	0-1
30	Notts County	H	2-1

May

7	Oldham	A	2-1

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MK Dons assistant manager JOHN GORMAN writes exclusively for MK NEWS every week

THE game against Oldham on Saturday turned out to be a great exercise and a great way to end the season.

It was always the plan to give some other players a chance and in the end we made nine changes.

Stuart Searle was given a game in goal, Sean O'Hanlon was picked as he needs to keep playing and Angelo Balanta got another game.

We also ended up bringing on Sam Baldock and Daniel Powell, who has had a fantastic season.

I think whatever side we put out it would have been a difficult game, because Oldham were full of enthusiasm and were playing for their manager.

Now, everyone is excited about the play-offs against Peterborough, with the first leg coming up on Sunday.

Reaching the play-offs was the target which was set and now we've achieved that, we want to go one step further.

It's been a great season so far and we just want it to continue.

Peterborough are definitely a good side and they have some great individuals, particularly in attack.

It will be a tough two games in front of bumper crowds and we can't underestimate them as they keep scoring goals, but we did manage to beat them 1-0 back in March after Gary MacKenzie's goal. We were perhaps fortunate in that game but it's not often that they don't score.

The second leg will be away from home but that's not a worry as our away form has been exceptional.

There might have been more pressure playing it at home as, if we got a draw away, we might have been expected to win. If the first leg is a tight game then both sides will still have a chance, and it could be a high scoring affair.

One player who will miss out is Peter Leven, who broke his foot, and everyone is really upset for the lad.

When there is an injury we get by and don't make excuses, but when it's someone of his quality he'll be missed.

Peter is desperate for us to win the play-offs and go up to the Championship so he can be a part of it.

LEAGUE ONE TABLE

			HOME				AWAY						
1	Brighton	46	17	4	2	54	22	11	7	5	31	18	45	95
2	Southampton	46	16	4	3	44	13	12	4	7	42	25	48	92
3	Huddersfield	46	12	8	3	38	21	13	4	6	39	27	29	87
4	Peterborough	46	15	5	3	69	40	8	5	10	37	35	31	79
5	MK Dons	46	14	5	4	35	23	9	3	11	32	37	7	77
6	Bournemouth	46	13	5	5	47	24	6	9	8	28	30	21	71
7	Leyton Orient	46	12	6	5	37	25	7	7	9	34	37	9	70
8	Exeter	46	12	5	6	40	31	8	5	10	26	42	-7	70
9	Rochdale	46	9	8	6	36	30	9	6	8	27	25	8	68
10	Colchester	46	12	7	4	38	30	4	7	12	19	33	-6	62
11	Brentford	46	9	5	9	24	28	8	5	10	31	34	-7	61
12	Carlisle	46	9	7	7	34	26	7	4	12	26	36	-2	59
13	Charlton	46	10	6	7	29	29	5	8	10	33	37	-4	59
14	Yeovil	46	8	6	9	27	30	8	5	10	29	36	-10	59
15	Sheff Wed	46	10	5	8	38	29	6	5	12	29	38	0	58
16	Hartlepool	46	9	6	8	32	32	6	6	11	15	33	-18	57
17	Oldham	46	7	9	7	29	31	6	8	9	24	29	-7	56
18	Tranmere	46	9	4	10	28	27	6	7	10	25	33	-7	56
19	Notts County	46	9	3	11	24	25	5	5	13	22	35	-14	50
20	Walsall	46	9	3	11	33	36	3	9	11	23	39	-19	48
21	Dag & Red	46	8	6	9	28	27	4	5	14	24	43	-18	47
22	Bristol Rovers	46	6	7	10	24	35	5	5	13	24	47	-34	45
23	Plymouth	46	9	4	10	27	33	6	3	14	24	41	-23	42
24	Swindon	46	5	9	9	20	27	4	5	14	30	45	-22	41

Angelo Balanta chips the ball over Oldham keeper Dean Brill to open the scoring in the first half

All-change as subs impress

Oldham 1 MK Dons 2

A MUCH-CHANGED Dons line-up finished fifth in the league after beating Oldham, and have set up a mouthwatering play-off clash with Peterborough.

Boss Karl Robinson made no secret of his plans to reshuffle his pack with the play-offs looming, and made nine changes from the side that beat Notts County last week.

Stuart Searle replaced David Martin in goal, there were starts for youngsters George Baldock and Tom Flanagan, and Danny Woodards, Adam Clayton, Adam Chicksen, Angelo Balanta, Lewis Guy and Jabo Ibehre also made the line-up.

The young side equipped themselves well in the early stages, managing the first effort on target when Clayton's drilled free-kick went straight into the arms of Latics keeper Dean Brill.

Keanu Marsh-Brown then got in behind the home defence after a lovely pinpoint pass from Clayton, but he shot straight at Brill before Clayton again tested the palms of Oldham's keeper with a strike from outside the box.

It took Oldham more than 25 minutes to register their first shot in anger, Chris Taylor's free kick sailing harmlessly over, and the Dons went in front just moments later.

Clayton capped off a surging run with a cross-field pass which failed to reach its intended target, but the ball deflected into the path of Balanta who lifted a smart finish over Brill.

The Latics struck back after 35 minutes when 18-year-old Carl Winchester gave Searle no chance by blasting a sweet drive into the top left corner from outside the area.

Dons so nearly grabbed the lead straight back though when Balanta headed Woodards' teasing cross onto the crossbar.

Into the second half and Winchester nearly grabbed a second with a rifled shot which zipped past Searle's upright but it was the Dons who got their noses back in front.

Ibehre brilliantly held off Jean-Yves M'voto and teed up Marsh-Brown, who fired low into Brill's left corner with the help of a deflection.

Robinson made a double change, bringing on Sam Baldock and Daniel Powell, and the latter really should have put the game to bed.

Both Baldock brothers combined well down the flank with a neat one-two and Powell was laid in for a tap in, but his effort was horribly wide of the mark.

M'Voto darted into the Searle's box in the closing stages, but a brilliant saving tackle from Flanagan averted the danger, and then a heavy touch from Powell denied him the chance to shoot as he closed in on the Oldham goal.

Six Academy products were on the pitch at full-time and Robinson was rightly proud of his young talent.

He said: "They weren't playing for the sake of it, they were in because they're good enough. Not one young player there got overawed by the occasion or looked like they were lacking in any part of the game."

The manager added that the performance was even more impressive because of the standard of the opposition.

"That was not a team that has finished in the lower echelons of the league or have been fighting for relegation, they were one of the best teams at the beginning of the season," he said.

Clayton particularly stood out and is likely to fill the void left by Peter Leven, whose season is over following a broken foot.

Robinson said: "I needed him to show me he was good enough to play, and he did that today."

MK Dons: Searle, Woodards, Flanagan, O'Hanlon, Chicksen, Balanta (Collins 76) Clayton, G.Baldock, Marsh-Brown (S.Baldock 66) Guy (Powell 66), Ibehre. Unused subs: Martin, Coronado, Gleeson. Attendance: 4063

COMING UP

PETERBOROUGH
League One
Play-off semi-final
Sunday, May 15,
KO 12.15pm

IT'S honours even between Dons and Peterborough this season, with Karl Robinson's side slipping up 2-1 at London Road and then gaining revenge with a 1-0 home victory.

Posh boss Darren Ferguson was reappointed as manager in January and has guided his side, who are looking to return to The Championship at the first time of asking, to a fourth place finish. With over 100 goals it is obvious Posh are a threat up front, but they have let in 75.

Huddersfield and Bournemouth meet in the other semi-final.

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LOCAL CRICKET

MORRANTS FOUR COUNTIES LEAGUE

Division One

EARLY pace-setters Milton Keynes City CC chalked up a second win of the season with a 50-run win over Studham.

City were put into bat and posted 201/9, with half centuries from Chris Timms and John Iqbal.

Mohammed Shahid was then lethal with the ball, taking 5/32 as Studham slumped to 151 all out.

It was a tale of two centuries as North Crawley drew with Biddenham.

North Crawley were put into bat and slipped to 77/3 before Alex Walker smashed his second ton in as many games, making 130 from just 84 balls before being bowled by Charlie Wren.

A declaration was made on 276/8 and in response Tajvir Gill hit a majestic 120 from 107 balls to guide Biddenham to 261/5 and the draw.

Milton Keynes CC were beaten by three wickets by Elstow at the MK Cricket Pavilion.

Elstow skittled the visitors for just 128 with only Dharmesh Mistry (47) and Daniel Ramsell (36) offering any resistance. Tony Harper was the pick of the bowlers, taking 4/30 but Elstow made heavy work of the chase, losing seven batsman before they made it over the line.

Olney defeated Newport Pagnell by 96 runs after being put into bat by their opponents, and they made 214/9 thanks to useful contributions from Graeme Hacking (43) and Mike Brown (41).

The second innings never got started as Andrew Griffin with 3/11 and Stuart Keeping with 3/14 performed superbly to help dismiss Newport for 118.

MK SUNDAY CRICKET LEAGUE

Division One

NEW Bradwell coasted to a nine-wicket victory over Westcroft, who were skittled for just 111.

Asif Mahmood took five wickets and good knocks from Raj Lall (50) and Andy Overton (44 not out) saw the total easily chased down.

Wolverton beat MK City CC by five wickets after restricting their opposition to 183/9, Atif Akhlaq taking 4/17.

Michael Baker (67) and Jamil Raya (63) were in fine form as the target was reached with overs to spare.

Stony Stratford's Sunday XI claimed a massive victory over Olney Town, winning by a mammoth 224 runs.

Sharn Gomes scored exactly 100 and James Bell blasted 118 from 90 balls to set an ominous total of 294.

In reply, Olney collapsed to 70 all out, with only two players making it into double figures.

Andy Humphries did most of the damage, taking 5/15 in just six overs.

NORTHAMPTONSHIRE CRICKET LEAGUE

Premier Division

STONY STRATFORD gained a creditable draw against a strong Peterborough side to maintain their solid start to the new season at Ostlers Lane on Saturday.

The visitors were in control for most of the game, but never looked like getting over the line, thanks largely to South African star Sharn Gomes who finished on 96 not out when Stony batted second.

Peterborough made 217/9 and dismissed Stony opener Richard Scott for a duck, but Gomes' innings saw the hosts comfortably through to 161/7.

Young Lion wins USA scholarship

BASKETBALL

Connor Washington, *far left*, in action for MK College

A TEENAGE basketball player has been given the chance to dazzle on courts across the pond after being awarded a $100,000 (£61,000) scholarship.

MK Lion and MK College student Connor Washington was spotted by American talent scouts and has signed a four-year deal to play for Southwest Baptist University in Missouri.

The 19-year-old will get to play basketball in one of the toughest conference leagues in the USA, with the agreement also including housing, tuition, books and four meals a day.

Point Guard Connor, who plays for the MK College Lions Basketball Academy and has been called up to the Great Britain U21 squad, is highly rated for his tremendous speed, ball control and dribbling ability.

Understandably thrilled with his success, he now can't wait to get started in August.

He said: "I nearly had a scholarship last year so I'm so glad and relieved to be going this year.

"My dream is the NBA, and I'm not going to stop until I get there or if I don't get there."

Connor, who stands at 6ft 1ins, could very well make it to the top as his college has produced a number of professional players including three who made the NBA.

One graduate who plays in his position is currently enjoying a lucrative playing deal in China.

Lions coach Mike New was full of praise for the youngster and said that Connor's achievement was well deserved.

He said: "I am very proud of Connor and the rest of the young academy players. Our academy has only been in existence for three years and last year we had three coaches fly over from the States to scout our team."

This season, the academy team has flourished with a number of strong performances.

The side finished first in its group in the British Colleges Sport/England Basketball Premier League, and fourth overall in the UK.

John Lewis worker on target for London 2012

A TARGET shooter has won two medals at the English Championships – and now has his sights set on the London Olympics.

Thirty-nine-year-old Nick Baxter won gold in the Free Pistol event and silver in the Air Pistol last weekend.

The six-time Commonwealth Games medalist was thrilled with his latest success, which comes in his first major tournament since the birth of his son Benjamin in February.

He said: "It was a difficult environment but I shot well, I'm really chuffed."

Baxter, who works at the John Lewis distribution centre in Magna Park, receives funding from his employers through the Partners in Sport initiative after cash from official channels was cut back.

His target now is to qualify for London in 2012 by performing well enough at other events across the season.

"To be part of an Olympics on home soil would be just awesome," he said. "I competed in Manchester at the Commonwealth Games and that was particularly special, but to compete in a home Olympics would be a dream come true."

Baxter added that the funding cuts had been a blow and that his Olympic dream would be in jeopardy without John Lewis' help.

He said: "Without that support I would basically be struggling."

Vettel puts rivals to the sword as Red Bulls take one-two in Turkey

FORMULA ONE

SEBASTIAN Vettel stormed to victory at the Turkish Grand Prix to open up a 34-point lead at the top of the Formula One standings.

The German was in dominant form, winning by a margin of eight seconds, and Red Bull team-mate Mark Webber came home in second to complete a memorable weekend for the city based team.

World Champion Vettel had earlier become the first driver for five years to claim five successive pole positions – a remarkable feat as he had walked away from a serious crash in practice when he lost control at turn eight of the Istanbul Park track.

He led from the front during Sunday's race, opening up a healthy lead before his first pit stop after lap ten, and was never threatened as he picked up his third win in four races.

Vettel said: "Throughout this race we had a cushion and we were able to act rather than react. We never really had anybody close behind.

"At the end I did two short stints, which was the right thing to do - it was seamless."

Looking ahead, Vettel said his plan was to take things 'race by race'.

"There will be days when we are beaten for definite," he said. "But Turkey was a great result for the team."

Webber added that it was his 'best result of the year so far' after he edged Fernando Alonso's Ferrari into third.

He said: "It was good to get second place and a relief to finish there and not third. In the end it was a good fight with Fernando."

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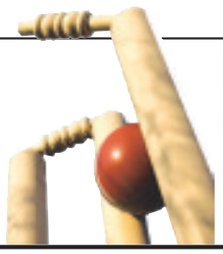

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Skip aims to stop Posh

BY DAN PALMER

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DONS skipper Dean Lewington is desperate to vanish the memories of two play-off semi-final defeats by helping the club get past Peterborough.

The side's longest serving player has suffered the agony of falling just before the final not once but twice, against Shrewsbury Town in 2007 and Scunthorpe United in 2009.

Saturday's 2-1 victory against Oldham ensured a fifth place finish in League One for the Dons and booked the two-leg spectacle against the Posh, kicking off with a crunch home leg at stadiummk on Sunday.

Lewington is hoping to put the past heartbreak behind him and book the Dons place in the winner-takes-all final at Old Trafford.

He said: "It's not an enjoyable thing to lose in the play-offs and it's not something you want to get in a habit of doing.

"My memories of the other games are just of frustration, in the four play-off matches I don't think we played one decent game."

The defender has made over 300 appearances for the club and admits that a play-off game is something special.

"It's your whole season in two games and it is a different feeling, " he said.

"Everyone knows what's at stake, there's a bit more buzz from the crowd and a bit more of an atmosphere, you can sense that it's a big occasion."

The Dons missed out on automatic promotion by just one position ahead of their last play-off campaigns, but it is different this time around as Karl Robinson's side have known for a while that this route was off the table.

Lewington said: "This time we've known we'd be in the play-offs so we've been preparing for two or three weeks.

"We need to not play the occasion, and just do the things that we're good at."

Dons and Posh have shared one win each this season, with Lewington helping himself to a goal in the 2-1 defeat in Peterborough.

Darren Ferguson's side are free scoring but could find no way past the back line led by Lewington in March, when Dons won 1-0.

Lewington said: "We know they are a good team and that it will be a difficult game, as we've had two close games with them this season.

"But we've stopped them here before and that'll be the aim again."

Goal-machine Clarke leaves MK Lightning

MK LIGHTNING boss Nick Poole has signed up for another season but goal-machine Gary Clarke has left to seek pastures new.

Poole is delighted to have committed himself to the 2011 play-off finalists and preparation for the new season can now begin in earnest.

The Canadian first took on the job of player-coach when the Lightning were formed and he is looking forward to leading from the front next year.

He said: "I am really excited about next season's team. This past year has been a bit frustrating as I felt we only played to our potential in patches however I don't believe we need to tinker too much with the group of players we have.

"Our success has always been because the group over-achieves through hard work and team spirit.

"As a group this happened in the final weeks of the season when we made the final four and put ourselves in a good position to win the final."

Thirty-two-year-old Clarke has confirmed that he will play for a new club next season after spending most of the last nine years with Lightning.

He first came to Milton Keynes in 1999 to sign for the Kings before joining the Lightning in 2002, where he has stayed ever since apart from short spells at Basingstoke Bison and Guildford Flames.

The forward was once top scorer for seven consecutive years and will be sorely missed according to Poole.

"Gary's scoring record during his time at Lightning speaks for itself," the player-coach said. "In what has been a difficult and frustrating season just ended, he has been an offensive threat and has scored some valuable points for us.

"Clarkey moving on will leave us with a huge gap in our roster - but just as he is moving on to new challenges, Lightning will also move on as a team and we're hopeful of appointing another equally effective forward to fill his shoes."